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Bid to be a city 'has put town on map'

THE LEADER of Dudley Council believes the borough's bid to become a city has already helped to raise its profile.

Dudley is one of 26 towns hoping to be granted city status later this year to mark the Queen's Jubilee.

Councillor Les Jones said he was pleased residents and businesses were backing the campaign.

More than 1,300 people signed a petition organized by the Chamber of Commerce in support of the bid.

The bid was submitted in May 2011 and highlighted Dudley's history and heritage as the "jewel in the crown" of the application.

Council bosses say the bid is for the entire borough, not just Dudley town centre, and township areas including Stourbridge and Brierley Hill are key to the success of the project.

Councillor Jones told a meeting of the council on Monday: "I believe this bid has raised our profile locally and nationally."

He said it wasn't "the end of the world" if the borough didn't win city status as the bid had got people talking about Dudley and he believed the borough had a lot to offer potential investors. "I am proud of this borough and what we can achieve," he told members.

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Councils are hit by claims

More than £8.6million of taxpayers' cash has been paid out in personal injury claims by local authorities of which £500,000 has been paid by Dudley Council.

The high cost has led to calls for changes in the law to make it harder to make claims against councils.

Since 2008, Dudley Council has received 894 claims. Of those, 650 were investigated with liability rejected in 540. Liability was admitted in 110 cases, with payouts totalling £500,000.

BROTHEL BOSS'S PROPERTY SEIZED

by John Scott



Carl Pritchett

THE DUDLEY owner of a lucrative brothel who is in jail for refusing to hand over £2 million of his ill-gotten gains will now have three properties seized to settle the bill.

The move comes after a judge appointed a receiver to sell the properties and recover as much of the missing cash as possible. Carl Pritchett, now 59, was locked up for two years in 2006 for running Cuddles Massage Parlour in Bearwood.

That followed a raid on the brothel in Hagley Road in 2005 when police found 19 foreign women employed as sex workers.

The business had an average of 490 clients a week and made £3.5m profit in six years, a previous court case was told. Prostitutes would pay £20 to management for each customer and a further £10 for every return visit.

Pritchett, from The Parade, Dudley, and formerly of Holbeache Road, Wall Heath, was locked up for a further seven years in 2009 after failing to stump up the £2m he pocketed from the racket.

He had been ordered to repay the sum within six months through Proceeds of Crime Act legislation.

Property

Prosecutor Mr John Butterfield told Wolverhampton Crown Court yesterday that restraining orders had been put on a property in The Parade, the former Cuddles site in Hagley Road and a site in Lower High Street, Walsall, owned by Pritchett.

Judge Martin Walsh ruled proceeds from the sale of the addresses should go towards the confiscation order.

Mr Anthony Johnson, representing Pritchett, did not not oppose the latest development in the saga but Mr Butterfield confessed: "No-one is fooling themselves that this is the last word in this story."

The judge ordered Pritchett to pay £2,500 costs for the hearing because he had initially "hotly contested" the application.

Pritchett set up Cuddles in 1999 with money made from another brothel in Selly Oak, Birmingham, bought in 1991, an earlier court hearing was told.

Leoni leaps into finals of variety



Leoni Smith, aged eight, from Tividale who is a street dancer at Fierce Productz Street Dance Academy and is in the regional finals of Britain's Got Variety

A TALENTED youngster has danced her way to the regional finals of a national competition after wowing the judges with her performance.

Leoni Smith took to the stage for an audition at Birmingham's Crescent Theatre.

The eight-year-old street dancer from the Black Country, was one of 30 hopefuls to make it through to the next stage of the prestigious Britain Does Variety competition. The regional finals will be held at the

theatre on April 14 and will be performing in front of a live audience.

If successful, Leoni, of Pine Road, Dudley, would then go on to the national finals being held at the Watford Palace Theatre, just outside London, on June 23.

Leoni started street dancing when she was five-years-old and the Tividale Hall Primary School pupil is so dedicated her bedroom has even been turned into an area where she can practice her dance moves.

Tributes paid to father in club death

TRIBUTES have been paid to a Tipton man who died after a fight at a West Bromwich social club.

Father-of-eight Darren Jones, 42, died in hospital after violence flared at the Greet's Green Social Club in Whitehall Road on Sunday.

Peter Nightingale, aged 43, of Eden Close in Tividale has appeared before Sandwell magistrates accused of murder.

Nightingale, wearing a black t-shirt and black trousers in the dock, gave no indication of his plea to the murder charge and spoke only to confirm his name and address at court on Wednesday.

Nightingale, who was arrested at a Tipton address, will next appear before Wolverhampton Crown Court but a date has not been set. He was remanded into custody.

A statement released on behalf of Mr Jones' family said: "Darren's death has left our family devastated beyond words."

"The children have been robbed of a loving father and grandfather and their lives will never be the same."

More than a dozen floral tributes have been left outside the club. Messages include: "RIP Daz, great bloke, will miss the phone calls and our heart to hearts, love Kez and family." Another read: "To The Daddy, RIP Percy and family."

Driver dies after crash

A MOTORIST has died and another injured after a two-car smash in Kingswinford.

Paramedics were called to the junction of Stallings Lane and Oak Lane at around 5am on Monday.

The male driver, who was able to get out of his car, was in cardiac arrest when crews arrived.

They attempted to resuscitate the man at the scene and while en-route to Russell's Hall. But he was confirmed dead at the hospital.

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Olympic hope family's fury over tickets



Jess Varnish

THE FATHER of a Black Country cyclist has slammed organisers of the London Olympics for only allowing families of athletes to buy two tickets for their events.

Halesowen Cycling Club member Jess Varnish, aged 20, is one of the favourites for gold in the team sprint event – but just her mother and father will be able to watch the race in the Olympic Velodrome.

Her sisters Lucy, 19, Francesca, 15,

and grandparents will only be able to watch her on television.

Father Jim said: "It's really gutting none of the family will be able to see her compete in person. This is going to be the biggest sporting event ever held in this country and Jess is absolutely on fire at the moment, but only two of us will see it."

"We're not after freebies, we just want to see Jess." A London 2012 spokesman said: "We have created the friends and

family scheme for athletes to purchase two tickets for every session they are competing in."

"It is the first time that an organising committee has done this for every sport and we are very proud of it, because we believe it is important that those people who have supported the athletes are able to share in their moment."

"However, we also want to ensure that the public has the chance to cheer on these athletes."

£5-a-week rent rise is given the rubber stamp

A RENT increase of 7.7 per cent for thousands of council tenants in Dudley has been rubber-stamped. The rise, approved by the full council this week, is the biggest in almost a decade for residents in the borough's 24,000 council homes.

Borough is preparing to celebrate St George's

Dudley is getting ready to celebrate St George's Day in style.

Preparations are already under way for parades and celebrations, which are expected to attract bumper crowds.

Dudley Council bosses have announced Stourbridge will host this year's borough event on April 21.

The council rotates the St George's Day event so this year it will include a civic procession through the town, music and dancing. There will also be activities at Stourbridge Library, street entertainment and a tea dance in the town hall.

Council leader Les Jones said: "It would have been easy to think we should not hold the event in Stourbridge as major construction work on the multi-million pound improvements is now set to start. However, we know the event will bring in thousands of people to celebrate the day."

Mayor of Dudley Council Michael Evans said: "This promises to be another fantastic St George's Day celebration."

The annual St George's Day parade in Sandwell, which will take place in West Bromwich on April 22.

The increase is the equivalent of an average £5.54 per week. Council leaders say the proposed increase is calculated using the Government's formula based on inflation and the size and value of council properties.

Cabinet member for housing Adrian Turner told Monday night's meeting he was "not happy" with the proposed rise but said the council's hands were tied because of the Government policy.

Council leader Les Jones said making the increase two per cent lower would have cost the authority more than £4 million.

He added the money brought in by the rise would be reinvested to ensure residents had "high quality" housing.

Waiting

The cabinet members also said the increase would fund work to bring more than 400 empty council properties back into use to reduce the waiting list of 6,000.

The decision came as the council approved plans to invest millions of pounds fitting energy efficient heating systems, new kitchens and bathrooms in council homes across the borough.

The council had announced a programme of improvements for hundreds of properties over the next five years and members formally agreed the scheme at a meeting on Monday.

Under the plans around £8m will be spent replacing 750 electric storage heating systems gas ones.

Central heating will be installed in 600 homes while 800 boilers will be upgraded.

Fatty insult spurs mum to slim



Sarah after losing six stones

A nasty remark in a Dudley nightspot spurred a mother-of-two to shed six stone in 12 months in time to celebrate her dream wedding with family and friends.

Sarah Gould, 26, who once weighed 18st, hit rock bottom after the harsh words of a stranger in Stourbridge.

The rude remark of "Oi fatty, you need to go to the gym" left her in tears but she decided to use the insult to give her the incentive to slim in time for her wedding in July.

Miss Gould, originally from Wordsley but now lives in Kidderminster, dropped from 18st in January last year to 11st 13lbs.

Her slimming challenge also inspired her to help others and she now holds weekly walking classes to help others lose weight.

"I'm grateful to him in a way but I've done it for myself and I've totally changed



Sarah Gould, aged 26, at 18 stones

my outlook on life," said Miss Gould, of Stonechat Close.

Her new regime started slowly by beginning to replace her favourite foods, such as crisps, with healthier options. She also started doing 30-minute sessions on a cross-trainer and went for walks with friends and family.

Gradually her size dropped from a 22 to a 12 and the slimmer mother will enjoy her wedding at Far Forest Church with the reception at Wharton Park Golf Club, near Bewdley. She will marry 29-year-old Paulo, watched by their children Joseph, four and two-year-old Luca.

Before her weight loss Sarah used to eat two sandwiches, a bag of crisps and three sausage rolls for lunch.

But her new regime consists of smaller meals throughout the day.

Member of shop raid gang is jailed

A MAN who was part of gang that smashed its way into a store before escaping with £5,500 of cigarettes and phone cards has been jailed for 12 months. The gang raided St John's Superstore in Dudley.

The thieves caused more than £3,500 damage to the store in Kates Hill, and they also got away with more than £300 in cash, Wolverhampton Crown Court heard.

Osman Khalid, aged 22, a member of the gang, was caught on CCTV just 24 hours after the raid on August 26 trying to sell some of the phone cards outside another shop in the neighbourhood, said Mr Warren Stanier prosecuting.

Footage was watched by police officers who recognised Khalid, of Bridgewater Crescent, Dudley. Khalid pleaded guilty to burglary.

Judge John Warner told him it was a serious offence that clearly had a high degree of planning.

He added a considerable amount of property was stolen from the premises.

Miss Alison Scott-Jones, defending, told the court on Wednesday that Khalid accepted it was an unpleasant offence.

Warning on rogue firms

Residents are being warned of rogue roof cleaning firms operating in Dudley as part of a new trading standards campaign.

The warning comes after reports were received by Dudley Council's trading standards team. Officials say some roof cleaning services have been making unsubstantiated claims.

They added people have been convinced that moss on roof tiles is a problem or that cleaning it from tiles has energy saving benefits. Anyone suspicious of rogue traders can call 01384 812045.

Anxiety group

A GROUP to help people who suffer from anxiety has been set up in Stourbridge.

Dudley Mind will hold sessions on Friday afternoons starting this month.

The group will meet between 1pm and 3pm at a central location in Stourbridge. For more details call Nagheena on 01384 442938.

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NEWS
in briefPupils get taste
of court justice

MIDLANDS schoolchildren are taking part in a mock trial at court as part of their lessons on the criminal justice system.

Youngsters from Bewdley High School and Sixth Form centre and Lacon Child School, Cleobury Mortimer will be among pupils from across Worcestershire taking on the roles of lawyers, witnesses, magistrates, court staff and defendants at Worcester Magistrates Court.

The event is on March 3.

Contest looks for
musical children

CHILDREN from primary and secondary schools are needed to take part in the annual Youth Makes Music competition in Kidderminster.

It will be held at the town hall, in Vicar Street, and youngsters from schools in the area are being asked to take part. The competition is set to take place from April 26 to 28 and April 30 to May 2. All the shows will start at 7pm.

Schools should call 01562 732980 to book places.

£250,000 is there
to be shared out

AROUND £250,000 of funding is available to groups across Dudley as part of a scheme run by council committees.

Voluntary and community groups can bid for the cash to support local projects.

Dudley Council's five area committees are reminding groups of the application process.

Call 01384 815236 or see www.dudley.gov.uk

Shop is raising
funds for Guides

A SHOP in Stourbridge will be raising money this year for Girlguiding UK.

The Original Factory Shop in Bridge Street has chosen the association as its charity partner for 2012.

Staff are now planning to hold events to raise at least £500.

Store manager Michelle Newman said: "I'm sure our customers will be right behind us."

Talk on wartime

Chaddeley Corbett Local History Society will meet on March 21. Jon Mills will talk on Birmingham in WWII from 7pm in the village hall.

Municipal
building
an option

A LANDMARK former council building could be transformed into a fire station under plans to find a new base for two Black Country crews.

The historic Municipal Buildings site in Cradley Heath could be used for a station for firefighters from the town and Halesowen.

Until now, fire chiefs have declined to reveal any potential sites they are looking at – but now they say the council buildings are an option. Some of the site could be demolished to make way for a new building.

It comes as campaigners launch a legal bid to overturn the fire service's decision to close Halesowen fire station on March 31 and cut the 24-hour crew, which also serves Cradley Heath.

Sandwell councillor John Edwards, chairman of West Midlands Fire Authority, said: "The municipal buildings site is one that we are looking at but there are other options as well."

"This site has been mentioned by members of the public but the details of the pros and cons of all the options will go before the fire authority in April, when members will have the information they need to make a decision."

A showcase
on business

BUSINESS opportunities created by the Black Country Enterprise Zone will be showcased at a networking event this month.

The Black Country Local Enterprise Partnership is supporting the Forum for the Built Environment's networking breakfast that is set to show off supply chain opportunities.

The event will be held at The Deck House, Waterfront, Brierley Hill, on March 29, from 7.30 to 9.30am. Admission is £15 for Forum for the Built Environment members and £25 for non-members.

For more information contact philip.beale@fbeonline.co.uk

Garden crafts

PEOPLE can create crafts for their gardens at a Kingswinford museum.

The monthly craft classes take place at Broadfield House Museum, off Compton Drive. The garden crafts session is on March 2 between 10.15am and 1pm. Book on 01384 815571.

Family tribute to tragic mountaineer Paul



Climber Paul Guest

THE FAMILY of an experienced climber who died after falling more than 1,000ft on the UK's highest mountain said they were "immensely proud" of his achievements.

Paul Guest, from Kinlet, near Kidderminster, had climbed mountains across the globe and was one of the first people to scale the Nanguch as part of a six-strong team during a 40-day trip in 2009.

Mr Guest, aged 32, died after the fall from the 4,406ft high Ben Nevis

on February 19. In a joint statement his parents, Peter and Christine Guest, who he lived with on a farm in Meaton Lane, said: "Paul was quietly confident and modest about his achievements but with well over 500 climbs under his belt he achieved a great deal and as a family we are immensely proud of his achievements."

"He was incredibly loyal and generous, having friends from all walks of life and all parts of the UK. Paul always loved sports and

started playing volleyball at the age of 14 and through friendships he made he went on to start climbing and then discovered his true passion."

Mr Guest, who has two sisters, Katie, 30, and Jemma, 28, took up mountaineering aged 21.

The mountains he tackled in the Himalayas and Bolivia include Mont Blanc, The Matterhorn, The Eiger and Illimani, with heights ranging from 13,000 to 21,000ft.

During the 2009 trip he was also

part of only the second ever British team to attempt Nanda Devi East in the Himalayas, but they had to give up after the conditions became too dangerous.

Mr Guest worked on his parents' farm and also helped out with their lawn mowing business.

He would take part in local shooting events and was a fan of outdoor sports, his parents said.

They added: "It goes without saying that he will be badly missed and mourned by many people."

Push for plaque in memory
of pet Tyson killed in a row

A PLAQUE has been engraved in memory of a much-loved dog that was stabbed to death in the street. Its distraught owner has now found a new companion.

by Adam Burling

Donations have flooded in since Tyson died after being attacked by Simon Follos in Abbey Street, Lower Gornal, with more than £800 being raised.

It is hoped the plaque can be erected near the spot where the German Shepherd died.

Its owner Wayne Bird has taken in a new dog from a rescue centre, but he says Tyson can never be replaced.

He has taken in the 16-month old German Shepherd, called Blade, from charity Dog Samaritans after seeing it on a website.

The plaque reads: "Tyson Bird – devoted, faithful and much-loved companion to your loving dad Wayne. You will always be remembered by all of your family and friends in Gornal."

Simon Follos, aged 38, attacked the dog outside his home in Abbey Street, Lower Gornal, while rowing with its owner Mr Bird.

The 12-year-old animal later died at a vets after going into convulsions.

Flowers were left by residents in memory of the popular pet outside the local Darby & Joan club, near the scene of the attack.

Rose Beedles, Mr Bird's aunt, is now applying for permission from the council to hang the plaque.

There are also plans to use the money raised to fix hooks outside shops for dog leads to be tied up.

Miss Beedles said: "We have been amazed by the response and we are so grateful to everyone who has come forward."

Remembered

Tyson was a very special dog and we are so pleased that he will be remembered in this way."

Follos will be sentenced this month after pleading guilty to possessing a bladed article in public, causing unnecessary suffering to an animal, and a charge of criminal damage by destroying a dog.

Dudley Magistrates Court heard that Follos threatened to cut Mr Bird's throat when the dog owner walked past his house.

They argued for about 10 minutes when the dog began to bark and Follos stabbed the dog in the side of the chest.



David Feltham with Jack, his wife Pat, left, and neighbour Carole Wheatley

Pet Jack
is hero of
the hour

PET POOCH, Jack the sheltie has been hailed a hero after saving his neighbour's life.

Next door neighbour David Feltham, aged 79, had fallen and lain on his drive for several hours in near-freezing temperatures.

But Jack heard him tapping on a gas meter and kept barking until his owner, John Wheatley, woke up, spotted Mr Feltham, wearing only a fur-lined shirt and trousers, lying in his drive and went to the rescue.

Now back at home in Rugby Road, Wollaston, Stourbridge, after spending two days in hospital, Mr Feltham said: "I didn't think Jack liked me because he always barked at me – but he's saved my life and now I think he's great."

Ten-year-old Jack, who is himself recovering from a bout of pneumonia and is on heart tablets, raised the alarm at about 4.15am on February 20.

Mr Wheatley, aged 67, rushed outside and covered Mr Feltham with a blanket, while his wife, Carole, aged 68, called an ambulance. "He was very cold and there was a light frost," said Mr Wheatley.

"Jack looks like a miniature Lassie and now he's a hero himself," added Mr Wheatley.

Firm creates 40 new jobs

A FAMILY foundry business expects to create 40 new jobs over the next four years with the opening of its second new moulding machine in two years.

The moulding line at Thomas Dudley Ltd, Birmingham New Road, Dudley, is due to be launched in September. Managing director Martin Dudley, the fourth generation of his family in the business, said the machine, which will replace two old lines, would give them more capacity to expand. "We are looking to take on an extra 40 people."

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THE BEST
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RHODES

"DROUGHT will raise food prices, warn farmers" (headline this week). Didn't take long, did it?

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LOOK at the tender loving care some people lavish on their car, their boat, their hi-fi system, their super-duper Italian coffee maker and all the other must-have gizmos of our consumer age. They love them, cherish them, clean them and maintain them.

A letter signed by politicians, nurses, academics and charities complains that some elderly patients are "treated like objects". If only they were so lucky.

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A TERRIBLE drought will happen unless we get several weeks of prolonged heavy rain. It may be time to invoke the ultimate rain-making spell. Put out the garden furniture.

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MERE figures can be deceptive. The week's claim that the excellent Call the Midwife (BBC1) attracted 8.7 million viewers hardly justifies the claim that it is "bigger than Downton". The only valid test would be screening the midwives at the same time as Downton Abbey. And having tried that with Spooks and taking a ratings pasting, Auntie Beeb would never risk a Downton run-in with Call the Midwife.

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I APPEAR to have opened a throbbing vein of bile in my request for suitable music for our daughter's wedding later this year. First out of the postbag are: Fight the Good Fight; God Rescue the Perishing; Don't Wanna Be Under Your Thumb Forever.

One reader recommended a piece by Sir Arthur Bliss but said he was damned if he could see any connection between marriage and bliss.

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

Ex-councillor ordered to take abuse course

A FORMER Dudley councillor who injured his wife by throwing a pudding bowl at her head in a row has been given a community order – and told to go on a domestic abuse awareness course.

Takeaway to pay £10,000 over filth

A DUDLEY fast food takeaway where raw chicken was left exposed near dirt-encrusted surfaces has been ordered to pay almost £10,000 in fines and costs.

Environmental health officers discovered dirt and food debris at Chicken Hut (Dudley) Ltd in Castle Street, the town's magistrates heard.

Owner Naeem Khan, aged 40, admitted eight charges under the food hygiene regulations for the company.

Chicken Hut was fined £7,500 with £2,458.20 costs and a £15 victim surcharge.

Miss Neelam Bangar, prosecuting for Dudley Council, said environmental health officers inspected Chicken Hut on December 13, 2010.

Mr Devon Small, defending, said Khan, who drew a salary of £200 a week, had since made efforts to clean up the premises.

Paul Woodall stepped down as the Kingswinford North and Wall Heath councillor on Dudley Council after admitting an assault charge earlier this month.

His wife Joanne was left with a one-inch cut to her forehead and blood pouring down her face, Dudley Magistrates heard.

The couple, who have been married for two years, had started rowing over lunch at their home in Summercourt Square, Kingswinford, said prosecutor Mr Mark Cooper.

Woodall left the room to "cool off" and returned with bowls of dessert as a "reconciliation token" but he made comments which "incensed" her and she threw a TV remote at him.

Mr Cooper said: "As a result he threw a bowl of dessert in the direction of his wife and it hit her in the forehead causing a gash."

In a victim impact statement Mrs Woodall said she accepted her behaviour "contributed" to the incident, she did not accept she was to blame and called her husband's actions "unacceptable". She added they were now receiving counselling.

Rosie is one smart cookie



Cookie design winner Rosie Nag, aged seven, from St Mary's RC Primary School, with Coleen Simon, left, and Natasha Mills, both of Millie's Cookies

SEVEN-YEAR-OLD Rosie Nag took the biscuit when she won a cookie design competition at Dudley's Merry Hill shopping centre. Pupils from Rosie's school, St Mary's RC Primary, Brierley Hill, were invited to have an art class at the new Millie's Cookies kiosk in the shopping centre.

They spent the morning putting pen to paper, creating individual ideas for cookie

designs. Rosie's effort was selected as the winner, which was then baked and decorated before being presented to her. The cookie was then auctioned and raised £56 for her school's campaign to help fund a new building for a school in Gambia.

Coleen Simon, manager at Millie's Cookies, said: "All of the pupils from St Mary's RC were extremely enthusiastic."

Ex-church treasurer on fraud charges

THE FORMER treasurer of a Stourbridge church and a religious charity has been charged with defrauding them of £500,000.

The charges against Stephen Methuen, who was treasurer at Amblecote Christian Centre, Brettle Lane, for six years, follow a joint investigation by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs (HMRC) and police.

Methuen, aged in his mid 50s, is accused of six charges of false accounting, allegedly committed to disguise the embezzlement of more than £400,000 while treasurer of the Amblecote Christian Centre. He is further accused of five offences of cheating the public purse by submitting over-inflated gift aid repayment claims.

As well as the allegations relating to the evangelical church, Methuen is facing six charges of false accounting, while treasurer of the Christian International Relief Mission, which is believed to no longer exist. Methuen is due to appear before Dudley magistrates this Friday.

Night of singing

MEMBERS of Brierley Hill Musical Theatre Company will be staging their annual concert this month.

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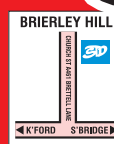
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Backing for freeze on council tax

PLANS to freeze council tax over the coming year and pump £1 million into a fund aimed at boosting economic regeneration in Wyre Forest have been backed by councillors.

Members of Wyre Forest District Council's Cabinet last week approved the measures as part of the authority's financial strategy for the next three years.

The district council's portion of tax for a Band D property will remain at £197.62 during 2012/13 but a recommendation has been made for a provisional increase to £202.56 in 2013/14 and £207.62 in 2014/15.

It represents an increase of 2.5 per cent per annum. Members also backed plans to create the £1m fund to boost the economic regeneration of the borough.

A sum of £800,000 will be taken from revenue funds to create the scheme and more than £200,000 from revenue sources.

A state of the area debate is due to take place in the district this month. Ideas and suggestions from this meeting then will be used to decide how the money is spent.

Town Hall gig

TUNES will fill Stourbridge Town Hall for a fundraising concert on March 10.

Brierley Hill Operatic Society will perform A Grand Night for Singing in aid of Mary Stevens Hospice at 7.30pm. Tickets are £6 and on 01384 377778.

Link road scheme hopes to double amount of visitors

THIS aerial plan shows for the first time the proposed layout of the multi-million-pound project to link the Black Country Living Museum and Dudley Zoo. It illustrates how a road will be built along with a car park and visitor centre as part of a £10 million revamp of Castle Hill.

The image shows the work that will be carried out in the coming year.

There are also hopes a tram line on a disused freight track would run alongside the site through the town centre – though this is not expected to go ahead within the next five years.

Building work on the road, which can only be accessed by traffic on both sites, will start in the next few weeks and is expected to be completed by the end of the year.

The thick yellow line on the map represents the link road, which will run from alongside the Dudley Canal Trust in Birmingham New Road, around the back of the museum and through to the zoo.

There will be stations along the road for a shuttle bus to take visitors from each site.

In between the two attractions stands the new archives centre, which is being built on the site of the former Royal Brierley Crystal factory.

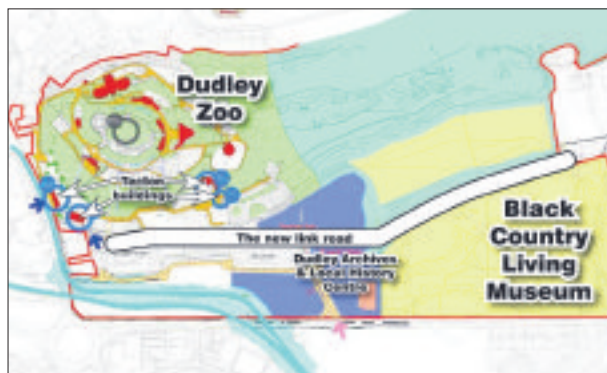
Attractions

Alongside that will be a tourism hub featuring information on the attractions, while two car parks will provide up to 1,000 spaces with access from both Tipton Road and Castle Hill.

The four blue circles indicate some of the historic Tecton buildings, which are undergoing refurbishment.

The bear ravine, kiosk, cafe and entrance are all being modernised.

Councillor Les Jones, leader of Dudley Council said: "The development of Castle Hill is a key attraction not only for Dudley but for the whole region. This scheme has the scope to increase visitor numbers from around 600,000 to one million a year and the project is a major aspect of our current regeneration programme for Dudley."



The map showing the new link road which is part of the major works going on



The striking Tecton Kiosk at Dudley Zoo

NEWS in brief

Health body in governors search

A BLACK Country health body is searching for governors as it bids to transform into a foundation trust.

Officials at Dudley and Walsall mental health partnership NHS trust ran a three-month consultation into plans last year.

Now they are taking the next step by holding the first Council of Governors election in the coming weeks.

For information or to become a trust member visit www.dwmh.nhs.uk/foundationtrust or call 01384 364039.

Entertainers are wanted for Jubilee

ENTERTAINERS are wanted to take part in a celebration in Wyre Forest for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

Trombone player David Parker, from Hartlebury, is planning a show in Hartlebury Castle near Kidderminster during the village picnic party on June 2.

He said: "I would like people to phone up and get involved."

Call 01299250297 for details.

Merchants help prostate group

A DUDLEY builders' merchants has raised more than £2,000 for The Prostate Cancer Charity.

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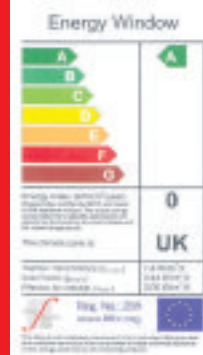
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Boy, 15, tortured rabbit in an 'horrendous' attack

A 15-YEAR-OLD boy tortured a pet rabbit to death in an attack described by magistrates as "sickening" and "horrendous".

The boy, from Brierley Hill, admitted causing unnecessary suffering to the rabbit by beating, kicking, cutting it with a knife and getting his dog to chase it. Dudley Youth Court heard the boy picked the rabbit up roughly by its ears, kept pushing his dog's nose and face into the animal, struck it with a stick and a steel knife-sharpener, kicked it and cut it with a knife.

Presiding magistrate Mrs Mary Yeates, who described the crime as horrendous, told the boy: "We've read what happened and it's made us feel really sick."

The boy was given a 12-month youth rehabilitation order, was banned from keeping any pet for six years and ordered to pay £250 from his pocket money towards the RSPCA costs. His mother was given a parenting order to provide her with help to support her son during the rehabilitation.

Mr Nick Sutton, prosecuting for the RSPCA, said it was a "sad reflection of our times" that two workmen who witnessed the "sustained, brutal and pointless" attack were under orders never to confront tenants when working in their homes.

A statement by workman Mark Walmer said he was at the boy's home on September 27 when he looked out of the window to see the boy pick up the rabbit by the ears, before dropping it three feet to the floor.

Mrs Hashmita Patel, defending, said the boy had told her: "I am sorry for what's happened and it won't happen again."

Wagner launches tour

WACKY X Factor finalist Wagner Carrilho is enjoying his comfortable new lifestyle as a professional musician — revealing he has just splashed out to buy a house outside of the Black Country and a large black car.

The 56-year-old who was broke and living on benefits before his success, said: "I'm making a good living now." Wagner, launches his UK tour this month

Ed-ing off to Kilimanjaro



Ed Jones, of Halesowen, will climb Kilimanjaro

A FIREFIGHTER hopes to raise money for a charity by scaling one of the world's highest mountains.

Ed Jones walked down from John O'Groats to Lands End for the Cystic Fibrosis Trust two years ago.

Now the father-of-two, of Valley Road, Halesowen, is planning his next challenge — by climbing Mount

Kilimanjaro. He is doing the charity expedition in October in memory of his cousin Matthew Atkins, who died aged 17 in 1999 from Cystic Fibrosis.

Mr Jones said this has also affected the family of his close friends.

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Is there a real need for HS2 link?

THE ANNOUNCEMENT of an extension of the Metro line into Birmingham city centre at enormous cost also signals an imminent commitment to the High Speed Rail link.

However, I am quite sceptical about the need for these projects at all, especially during times of austerity.

We are told businesses will be created in the Midlands, but would business from the north be more likely to go straight through to London and the eastern ports to Europe? We are told the economy will benefit from people arriving 20 minutes earlier in the capital. Is that really true in this

age of instant communication? I would suggest every business executive travelling by rail is already at work on either a laptop or a smart phone.

Indeed, some may prefer the train to the office, and arriving in London 20 minutes earlier might itself be an unwanted interruption.

Other logistical arguments suggest the London to Birmingham main line is so congested that a high speed line is the only alternative. In that case, I don't think the Government looked very far. Their search reached just 26 miles across the English Channel in fact. If they had looked much further, to

America, Canada or Australia, They would have seen an alternative that may be much cheaper and could be applied to most rail routes.

I visited Australia recently and I was impressed with their double-decker trains. Such a system would almost double the capacity in terms of passenger accommodation at a stroke and fewer trains would be needed, allowing them to run faster. Pressure would be relieved where the most passenger congestion really lies, in the commuter belt around London.

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An option that may aid Greek economy

AFTER watching the terrible situation in Greece getting worse by the day and seeing politicians becoming more and more ineffectual in reaching a solution that the Greek people can accept, and work with, a thought crossed my mind.

The two outcomes projected, so far, are for the Greeks to stay in the eurozone or leave and re-establish the drachma.

Wouldn't it be possible for the Greeks to stay in the eurozone and use the euro to deal with other members, and to print and use the drachma to deal with non-eurozone countries?

My proposal allows the Greek people to have control over their own destiny, to work their way out of this mess without further bailouts.

JOHN CARTWRIGHT
Pensnett

Time for action is now to save town

WELCOME as moves by Ian Austin MP and others to try and rejuvenate Dudley town centre are it has to be said at this rate of progress nobody alive today is likely to witness any improvement.

Of course some things take time but simple moves which could be made immediately are being forever put off.

You see it is all very well people talking about revitalising the town, but the fact is there is absolutely nothing in the town centre to attract people.

It's no good simply chasing retail outlet projects, Merry Hill is where it is and what it is. Few major retailers are going to have two outlets in such close proximity. Alternates must be found and a never ending procession of 99p and charity shops is not the answer. As for the monstrosity that is Cavendish House, I have heard rumours is to become a retail outlet? Selling what pray? And more to the point when? I ask because the powers that be do not seem to realise that every year which passes sees fewer and fewer people spending less and less money in Dudley.

STEVE SANT, Dudley

Residents fortunate with gym facilities

HEATHER Large's article (February 23) on the tough targets being set just to reach outdoor gym made very interesting reading.

Far from complaining, Stourbridge residents living near Mary Stevens Park are very fortunate that the open air gym is only gained after a good healthy walk. It can only be speculated that the siting of the gym was the result of local residents' views on where they wanted the gym being taken into consideration by Dudley Council.

Unlike Stourbridge, where residents had two public meetings and were even invited to vote on where their gym was Netherton folk were given one scrappy, one-hour, midday, midweek lecture on what had been decided.

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Macabre at the museum

THE BROADFIELD House Glass Museum at Kingswinford is crossing into the macabre with a new solo exhibition by goldsmith turned glass artist Patricia Niemann.

German born Patricia is interested in human fears.

Much of her inspiration is drawn from working in the remote North Highlands, with its wilderness, harsh weather and funeral archaeology. The exhibition at Broadfield House, in Compton Drive, will run from March 3 to August 5. Call 01384 812745 or visit www.glassmuseum.org.uk

Simpler rules backed

A SCHEME to simplify planning rules to bring in new businesses and create thousands of jobs in Wyre Forest is to go to consultation after receiving the backing of councillors.

Wyre Forest District Council wants to introduce a local development order at the South Kidderminster Enterprise Park to entice new firms into the town.

If approved the order would allow the authority to automatically grant planning permission for specific types of development at the park in Stourport Road.

These developments would include offices, warehouses and industrial premises.

This would remove the need for a developer or landowner to submit a planning application reducing time and costs – which councillors say would be a strong incentive for setting up in the area.

Industrial

The type of developments would include offices, industrial buildings and warehouses.

Existing firms would also no longer need to go through the lengthy planning process to make changes to their premises such as recladding of exterior or installation of solar panels.

Members of the district council's cabinet last week gave permission for the draft scheme to go out to a 28-day public consultation.

Amendments will then be made to the plan before it is sent to the Secretary of State for final approval.

The district council started work on the plans after the area failed to get Enterprise Zone status last year. Cabinet member for Place Shaping Councillor Julian Phillips said the order would provide some of the benefits the Enterprise Zone status would have done.

"I believe eliminating the lengthy and costly planning application process will bring more businesses into the town."

Warning to be on guard after thefts of mobiles

POLICE in Worcestershire are warning people to be on their guard following thefts at Redditch and Bromsgrove where mobile phones were stolen after their owners' attention was distracted.

Both incidents happened on February 20, with the first taking place at about 11.15am in the Abbey pub, Alcester Street in Redditch.

Two women sitting at a table were approached by two men, one of whom was carrying a newspaper, which he waved in front of the women's faces while talking to them in a foreign language.

The women pushed them away and a short time afterwards one of them noticed her mobile phone was missing.

The second incident happened at about 12.40pm in Costa Coffee, High Street, Bromsgrove.

A woman sitting at a table was again distracted by two men waving a magazine in front of her and, after they left, she found her phone missing.

In both incidents the men are thought to be Eastern European.

Pe Vicky Cozens, of West Mercia Police, said: "These incidents are similar and we are investigating whether they are linked."

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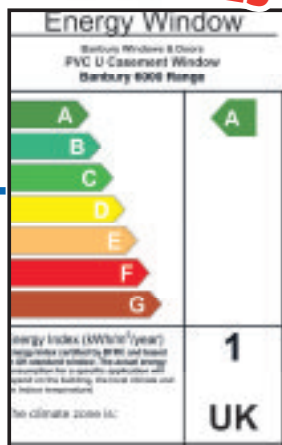
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Community engagement sessions – Halesowen & Cradley Heath

At its meeting on 28 November 2011, West Midlands Fire and Rescue Authority agreed the proposal for a single 24-hour pump rescue ladder (PRL) fire engine to serve the areas of Cradley Heath and Halesowen. It also gave the go-ahead for officers of West Midlands Fire Service to begin the process of identifying a range of suitable sites for the creation of a new community fire station to serve both areas.

A number of potential sites have now been identified, and illustrations have been drawn up to show what the new facility could look like. The fire service now plans to share that information with communities in both areas at two separate information sessions to be held on 8th and 10th March. These community engagement sessions are designed to give local people the chance to view the proposed plans and potential locations, and to give feedback which will be considered by the Fire Authority before it reaches a final decision about the new fire station at its meeting on 16 April 2012.

The information drop-in sessions are scheduled to take place on **Thursday 8 March from 5pm to 8pm at Lutley Community Centre, Halesowen** and on **Saturday 10 March from 11am to 2pm at Reddall Hill Primary School, Cradley Heath**. People can come along at any time during the sessions to talk with fire officers and Authority Members.

For more details please contact Debbie Whittingham, Communications Manager on 0121 380 6064 or email debbie.whittingham@wmfs.net

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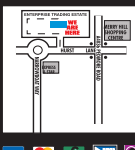
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Workers at Long Meadow Mills in the 1920s



The sewing room of the Carpet Trades factory, Mill Street

Glory days of carpet capital of the world

KIDDERMINSTER was once the woven carpet capital of the world, employing thousands of workers.

But those days seem long gone with carpet giant Brintons announcing it is shedding 150 jobs and a boardroom battle at Victoria Carpets heating up.

Melvyn Thompson, who worked in the carpet industry all his life, says it is more important than ever that the achievements of the town's industry are never forgotten. He said developments such as the town's carpet museum, being built in Green Street, and the museum trust's archive centre, were of great importance.

He said: "It could be one day the archives and the history is all that remains of the town's carpet making industry. I hope that is not the case. There are still major firms trading in the town and getting contracts for high-profile projects."

"However in recent times there have been concerns caused by what



by Lee Watton

we are hearing from Brintons and Victoria Carpets."

Mr Thompson said the decline in the town's carpet industry started in the late 1970s following recession and the impact of poorly regulated imports from overseas.

Of more than 20 companies operating in the town in the 1960s, only a handful remain: Adams, Brintons, Brockway, Victoria and Bond Worth. There is also Carpets of Kidderminster which is an amalgamation of many firms.

It is a far cry from the days when the skyline was dominated by chimneys from factories making carpets of all kinds and colours to be shipped overseas. Many of those firms, household names just 60 years ago, are gone.

They include Carpet Trades Ltd, which has a site in Mill Street and employed thousands.

T & A Naylor, based in Green Street, was another big-name manufacturer. But the building is long gone along with the town's Long Meadow Mill. And while the Slingfield Mill building still exists it now forms part of the Weavers Wharf development. Part of the site is a Debenhams store and the rest is being converted into a Premier Inn.

Mr Thomas said: "Through the work of the carpet museum trust we are preserving the history of these sites."

Mr Thompson, now 74, started with Carpet Trades Ltd in the early 1950s. After a period in Pontypool he returned to Carpet Trades in the mid-60s and stayed until 1990 when he moved to Brintons.

He retired in 1999 and has since been a volunteer for the carpet trust.

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Bank returns more than £930,000 to the council

WYRE Forest District Council has reclaimed more than £930,000 invested in an Icelandic bank after years of legal wrangling.

The announcement was made by the authority's leader Councillor John Campion at a meeting of the Cabinet last week. It is the first instalment of the £3 million deposit the council had with Landsbanki when it collapsed in 2008.

Councillor Campion told the meeting the authority expected around 98 per cent of the total investment to be recovered.

He said following the recent announcement about the sale of Iceland Foods, in which Landsbanki has a large stake, further cash was likely to be recovered in the coming months.

The amount invested in Landsbanki was part of a larger overall investment of £9 million in three banks, also including Heritable and Kaupthing, Singer and Friedlander.

The authority, along with other groups which had money invested in Landsbanki, won a legal campaign to ensure they were front of the queue when cash was returned.

Other creditors had challenged the "preferred status" but the Icelandic Supreme Court upheld the council's status which has led to the first dividend being paid out.

Councillor Campion said: "This is very good news for the council. To receive the first payment of around a third of investment is fantastic for the whole district."

"This is the result of hard work and we are absolutely delighted we have been able to recover a large amount of money we are owed by Landsbanki."

Give views on gipsy sites

WYRE Forest residents can have their say on three sites suggested for use by gipsies.

A consultation will run until March 20. A response form can be downloaded from www.wyreforestdc.gov.uk. Forms are available from libraries in Kidderminster, Stourport and Bewdley. Completed forms can be sent to Planning Policy, Wyre Forest District Council, Duke House, Clensmore Street, Kidderminster, Worcestershire, DY10 2JX.

Touch of glass in drama



Gina Lovell as Laura Wingfield, James Silvers as Jim O'Connor and Rebecca Cleve as Amanda Wingfield, in *The Glass Menagerie*

A CLASSIC play by Tennessee Williams will be performed on a Black Country stage.

Rehearsals are in full swing for Dudley Little Theatre's production of *The Glass Menagerie*.

The drama follows the memories of the narrator, Tom Winfield and is set in the 1930s, in the cramped two bedroom apartment in St Louis

occupied by the Winfield family.

The part of Tom Winfield is played by Dave Hutchins, Rebecca Cleve is Amanda Winfield and Georgia Lovell will play her daughter Laura. Performances are at Netherton Arts Centre from March 7 to 10, at 7.30pm. Tickets at £6 and £5 are available from Dudley Council Plus on 01384 812812.

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The show must go on in spite of roof theft costs

A DUDLEY primary school which has been hit with a massive roof repair bill left by bungling metal thieves is pressing on with organising a display of the singing talents of pupils from the borough.

Jesson's Primary will donate the proceeds to Wolverhampton's Compton Hospice, even though it is facing finding £10,000 for its own roof repairs.

A total of 22 primary school across Dudley will take part in the "Vivo 2" fundraising showcase at Dudley Concert Hall on March 1. Choirs from 11 schools will perform in the morning and another 11 during the afternoon.

Jesson's Primary School's adult rock choir Fusion and its pupil choirs, Jubilate and Vocalize will be on stage in the evening for a special performance, which will also feature a student street dance group, Step4.

The school invited others to join in a festival of choirs. There will be three performances during the day from 10.15am to 12.15pm, 1.15pm to 3.15pm and evening from 7pm to 9pm.

Headteacher Lucy Griffiths said: "We are looking forward to a wonderful day and hope to raise a lot of money for Compton Hospice."

The school only last week suffered a big blow when thieves searching for lead to steal decimated the roof of Jesson's Primary, causing £10,000 damage. Lead thieves had already stripped the roof of all its lead over the previous two years, leaving nothing to steal. Tickets for the evening performance, at £3, can be booked on 01384 816825.

Action call on water bills

A DUDLEY MP wants the Government to take action against soaring water bills, which are set to reach records levels in April. Dudley North MP Ian Austin has tabled parliamentary questions to ask the Government what action it is taking to ease the pressure on families. Figures released last month show water bills are set to increase by an average of 5.7 per cent.



Jesson's CoFE Primary pupils Mirindar Sangh, Keeley Till, Chelsey Walters, Micah Birdi-Williamson and Jaheim Edwards, rehearse for a charity show



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British Waterways has been working on a scheme to install a handrail on the narrow bridge at Stourport Canal following the death of a 12-year-old boy at the site last June.

The youngster drowned after he plunged into the water while riding his bike.

Bosses said work on the safety measures was progressing with the design work now nearing completion.

An application for permission to install the rail at the bridge, which is more than 100 years old and historically important, will then be sent to Wyre Forest District Council.

Officials said it would then take between eight and 12 weeks for the authority to return its decision and for consultation with the public to take place.

Wasps raise cash for children's ward



Callum Edwards, front left, aged nine, Liam Holdnall, 10, Lee Gorst, eight, with, back left, Lara Yarnall, 15, hospital play specialist Linda Taylor, club press officer Dave Worley and Steve Ford from the Wishing Well charity

YOUNGSTERS from a Black Country football club have handed over £1,000 to help children in hospital.

Worsley Wasps, which has 17 teams for children aged from under seven to 16, raised the money at raffles and two charity games.

The money will pay for sensory equipment to stimulate and entertain young patients with mental or physical difficulties on the children's ward at Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital.

Club spokesman Dave Worley said: "Even though our youngsters are generally pretty fit and enjoy their football, from time to time, some of them have been on the children's ward for one reason or another and they wanted to help some of the other children there."

The children's ward has a special sensory room, and the donation will go towards portable sensory equipment.

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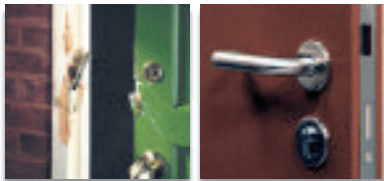
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Bookies give a boost to odds on city status bid

THE BOOKIES boosted Dudley's chances of becoming a city as part of the Queen's Jubilee celebrations.

The Black Country borough is vying with 25 other areas to be honoured by the Queen. Odds were 20/1 when the announcement was made - making the town 10th favourite. It is now seventh on the list, with odds of 14/1.

The latest odds were taken from William Hill bookmakers.

Front-runners are Reading which is 10/11 to achieve the status when the winner is announced in a few weeks' time.

Others leading the list include Medway at 6/1 and Perth at 8/1.

Launching

Rank outsiders are Corby in Northamptonshire, Craigavon in Northern Ireland and Goole, near Scunthorpe, at 50/1.

Dudley Chamber of Commerce backed the campaign by launching an online petition aimed at raising support. However, to its disappointment a total, 1,324 people signed up before the closing date earlier this month.

Chamber president Paul Bennett today said: "Everyone remains upbeat but they need more people to get behind the bid."

"The race for city status for Dudley is still alive."

"But in order to beat our rivals, we need to ignite public support for what is otherwise a compelling proposition."

Dudley MP Ian Austin has also lent his support to the bid for city status.

Conservation for street

ONE OF the last historic industrial areas of Kidderminster is to be given conservation status to safeguard important buildings for future generations.

Green Street in the town is home to a number of grade-II listed buildings including Caldwell Hall, Castle Mills and Elgar House.

Wyre Forest District Council's cabinet agreed last week to add others along the street to the local list.

Tale of the unexpected



Karen Whittingham as Tania Drew and Dave Francis Williams as Frank Farmer

A TALE of the unexpected called The Final 45 Live with Frank Farmer will be presented by a Black Country theatre group.

It will be one of two plays to be presented by Mayhem Theatre on March 5, 6 and 8 in Halesowen.

The other is comedy story, called Mere Mortals, about three men having lunch on a girder hundreds

feet above the streets of New York.

The plays will be staged one after the other at Halesowen Athletics Club in Manor Way.

Director Mark Moran said: "We are entering the plays in the Worcester Theatre Festival next month."

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Costa now brewing up shop plans

COSTA Coffee could breathe new life into a fire-ravaged computer game shop in Dudley town centre.

Plans to convert the former Gamestation premises, outside the Churchill Shopping Centre, into the coffee shop have been lodged with council chiefs. The scheme would create between six and 10 new jobs.

The unit has been lying empty since it was gutted by fire last July.

Gamestation moved to new premises inside the shopping centre in December.

Applicant Tanias Properties Ltd has submitted plans for the vacant unit, which is now being repaired.

The papers say: "This proposal would make a positive contribution to the centre in that it would bring the premises back into occupation, increase employment and provide a busy complimentary service in a convenient location."

Costa Coffee spokeswoman Melissa Mace said the plans were still at an early stage.

Screening for heart defects

AROUND 100 students in Stourbridge will take part in a heart screening in memory of a Staffordshire fitness instructor.

The family of Zoe Teale have raised more than £51,000 for Cardiac Risk in the Young (CRY). The second annual screening is at Old Swinford Hospital School, Oldswinford, Stourbridge. It will take place on March 1.

Security is to be beefed up at former glassworks

SECURITY is being stepped up at a former glassworks amid fears another arson attack could set back plans for a £5 million museum there.

Yobs have continued to target the old Stuart Crystal site in Wordsley since a huge blaze there last summer.

Bosses have now installed security fencing - and there are even plans for staff to patrol the area to stop gangs congregating. The listed buildings have become a magnet for vandalism and developers fear another arson attack could scupper the project. In recent months yobs have smashed windows and daubed graffiti on the walls, while some small fires have been started in the grounds.

Owners Complex Developments say they have been forced to take action.

Director Ian Harrabin said: "The insurers have asked us to take these measures as we do have a running problem with vandals."

"The site is not safe for people to be wandering around so we needed to close it off."

It comes after work to stabilise the walls and remove the collapsed roof was carried out following delays over an insurance claim.

Under the plans the six listed buildings on the Stuart Crystal site would be transformed into a new glass museum with an underground link to the Red House Glass Cone. It is hoped the museum could be open by 2014. Complex director David Freer added: "The more vandal attacks that happen there, the more the process will be slowed down."

Free concert at church

A FREE Concert is being held at Halesowen Parish Church on Saturday March 10 at 10.30am.

Oboe player Julie Billingham, Lorinda Mitchell on clarinet and pianist Margaret Pickford will be performing at St John the Baptist, High Street. A collection will be held after the performance to raise funds which will go towards the church.

Desks open for business



Unveiling the new information desks at Russells Hall Hospital are Lynn Smith, whose daughter Sara was treated at the hospital, with chief executive Paula Clark and Dudley Mayor Councillor Michael Evans

TWO new information desks have been unveiled at Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital.

One of the "purple pods" features leaflets on departments and facilities at the hospital, while the other is run by the fundraising team.

They will be manned by volunteers and staff. The desks were officially opened by Dudley Mayor Councillor Michael Evans and hospital chief executive Paula Clark.

They were joined by Lynn Smith,

whose daughter Sara Turner recently died, aged 35, after suffering from a rare bowel condition and being treated at the hospital for 10 years. More than £1,000 was raised for the hospital at her funeral, and Mrs Smith is now volunteering after being inspired by the care her daughter received. She said: "When you are a patient or a visitor you often don't think of asking the staff questions, so these information desks will be really useful."

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Eugene and Margaret raised funds to set up the bakery which is now self funding with more than 400 loaves being produced each day.

The bread is very popular and at times of drought has proved to be life saving.

They are now raising money for the Free Bread Fund which supplies bread to the hospital at Infakara, a local orphanage and a centre for children with learning disabilities.

At the beginning of the evening, the names of all countries which form part of Soroptimist International of Great Britain & Ireland were read out, as well as those federations which cover the rest of the world, proving that our members are part of a truly global organisation.

President-elect Elaine King lit a candle of peace and all members took time to remember those engaged in conflicts around the world.

To see more of the work of Soroptimist International, log on to the www.sigbi.org website.

CLUB NEWS

Richard's a right old dame, oh yes he is



Richard Westcott transforms himself into a pantomime dame for the guild audience

SPEAKER Richard Westcott arrived as the smart man about town and changed himself in stages into a pantomime dame.

The first stage was makeup and during its application we were given lots of advice and 'beauty tips'. After dropping his trousers to reveal flamboyant bloomers we were shown the secrets of false boobs and padded hips. The first of three colourful outfits completed the transformation of Richard.

PELSALL 'E' TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD

Forthcoming events include a trip to Ruckley at Shifnal (silk flowers) and Telford Shopping Precinct next Wednesday

The March 15 meeting is the AGM. More details from Val Walker on 01922 684724 or Margaret Worrall on 01922 682466.

Mysterious world of the Orient

CAROL Bowater, vice chair, opened the meeting and welcomed members and guests to Wombourne 'E' Townswomen's Guild.

Ed Shore gave a fascinating talk and slide show on his journeys to Russia, China, Tibet and Mongolia with his wife. What an inter-

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esting life this couple lead! Chris Harper, treasurer, reported a healthy bank balance and said the accountants will return the books

before the next meeting.

Chris Harper was thanked for organising the visit to Ashwood Nurseries which was very enjoyable in spite of the weather.

Tickets have been booked for the Half a Sixpence matinee at the Grand Theatre on March 14.



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With more than 150 exhibitors with all of their products, inspirational displays and expert advice you will leave the shows eager to go and create your very own haute couture outfits.

Following his recent fame on Kirstie's Handmade Britain, Jamie Chalmers aka Mr X Stitch will be bringing new trends in embroidery and needlecraft. With an exhibition of pop culture-inspired amateur embroidery from around the world and top tips and advice including learning the basics of cross stitching, this is one feature not to be missed.

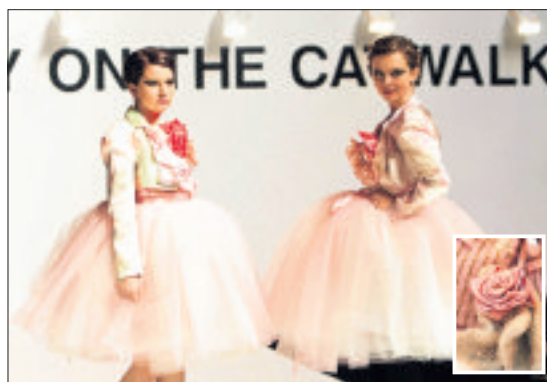
Trend

Brand new to this year's show, the Sewing Hub will offer visitors a chance to embrace the growing trend for 'make do and mend' with expert advice and workshops from the professionals. Whether you are new to sewing, a returning enthusiast in need of a confidence boost or are just looking for inspiration then this is the place for you to develop your skills.

The Sewing Machine Clinic will offer mini workshops that are perfect for any beginner to the craft.

If you are looking for a way to reinvent and customise your wardrobe, textile designer and author Charlotte Liddle will be on hand at the Stitch Diva's Den to offer advice and daily live demonstrations.

The Dressmakers' Pattern Bar will be returning to the show with all of the latest patterns and books, a great place to begin a new sewing project.



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Marie Curie Cancer Care is asking everyone to get behind its Great Daffodil Appeal this March by wearing a daffodil pin to support Marie Curie Nurses.

The appeal is Marie Curie's biggest fundraising campaign and throughout the month volunteer collectors are out asking people to wear a daffodil, in return for a donation. All money raised from the appeal helps provide more free nursing care for people with a terminal illness in their own homes.

Research shows around 65% of people would like to die at home if they had a terminal illness, with a sizeable minority opting for hospice care. However, more than 50% of cancer deaths still occur in hospital, the place people say they would least like to be. Since 2004 Marie Curie Cancer Care has been campaigning for more patients to be able to die in their place of choice and last year the charity made this possible for more than 31,000 people.

Eileen Mills, one of the charity's Nursing Ambassadors, explains why support is so crucial. She said, 'The Great Daffodil Appeal is our chance to join together and help make it possible for more people to spend their last days at home or in one of our hospices. I see first hand what it means for patients to have the choice of where to spend their final days, surrounded by family and friends, which is why the appeal is so important.'

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'So when you pick up your daffodil pin this March, know that you are playing your part in helping nurses like me to continue to provide free care and support at a time when people need it the most.'

This is something Marie Curie supporter, Edwina Gudgeon, can relate to: 'I wear my daffodil with pride every year, as a reminder of the wonderful support the Marie Curie nurses gave to my family. The charity is very close to my heart as we relied on the support of their nurses to look after my younger sister at home before she died, and I will always be grateful for the care the whole family received. It is really important that people join forces for the Great Daffodil appeal and raise money to ensure that Marie Curie Nurses can deliver more care and support to so many people across the UK.'

Daffodil pins can be picked up from local stores, Marie Curie volunteer collectors, Marie Curie Shops and the charity's website throughout March.

For more information on how to get involved in the Great Daffodil Appeal, please visit: www.mariecurie.org.uk/daffodil or call 0845 601 3107

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SARAH 38, slim, nice looking, no ties, WLTm kind, giving male to enjoy affectionate relationship. Any age/looks. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 378483

SHARON 32, attractive black single mum of one, very tactile and WLTm male 45-65yrs for fun meets. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 376565

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STACEY young 20yr old looking for fun. Call me to find out more. Status unimportant. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 382091

RACHAEL 49yrs young slim, caring, sincere and fun loving, WLTm similar male with GSOH for companionship, perhaps more. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 381343

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VICKY honest caring female 33yrs, GSOH, loves meals in/out, travel, cinema, WLTm someone to enjoy nice things in life with and romance. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 383911

KIND romantic, loving lady, 43, slight disability, seeks genuine male for romance. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 385309

JEANINE 40yrs, very cute petite artistic female who has a real passion for life, WLTm male for tactile LTR, 40-55yrs. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 383917

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BRIAN 60 single Walsall male, WLTm local lady having similar needs, hopefully slim-medium build. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 366629

MALE 46, 5ft 7ins, N/S, medium build, short hair, no ties, hurt in past, reliable, honest, likes DIY, sports, cinema, seeks female, 21-65. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 386037

STEVE 6ft 2ins, 64, GSOH, likes countryside, seeks female for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 377113

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MALE 57, honest, caring, seeks genuine honest female to end the lonely days and nights. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 385815

STEVE 55, seeks older lady, 60-70 for fun. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 389674

KARL 40, fun loving, caring, seeks female for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 389662

IAN 43, single dad, likes rugby, motorsports, reading, history, cooking, walks, cinema, music, seeks kind, honest, sincere lady, 25-48. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 371955

THOUGHTFUL adventurous, attractive guy, 37, OHAC, likes nights in/out, seeks attractive girl with similar interests. Single mum welcome. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 360663

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MIKE friendly guy 48, tall, fit, GSOH, seeks lady for fun. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 376921

ALAN young 62, N/S, slim, solvent, successful, OHAC, WLTm sensitive, caring female, 50-60 for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 380651

63YR old male, widower, retired, looking for female of any age/looks, for fun relationship, maybe more. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 389132

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CHARMING fit 41yr old professional male, seeks lively, caring companion for friendship and fun. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 359945

BARRY slim 6ft, 66, clean, good looking, active, seeks female 18-65 for daytime fun. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 361471

ATTRACTIVE male, 38, seeks slim, attractive, caring female for friendship, hopefully LTR. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 227154

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CLIVE 48, divorced, 2 children, seeks female for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 389158

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KEVIN 34, 6ft 2ins, blond hair, medium build, toned, young boyish good looks likes nights out, sports, holidays, seeks similar male, any age for fun. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 355984

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TAKE ME OUT

ITV1, 8.05pm

Not so long ago, it didn't seem possible to imagine a Saturday night light entertainment show that didn't involve Ant and Dec and which could be considered a proper success. But somehow, the British public has fallen in love with this loud, brash and undeniably entertaining dating show. As ever, finding hot dates for his 30 single ladies is top of Paddy McGuinness' love agenda tonight. Coming down the love lift are Michael, a cash machine engineer from Liverpool, Ollie, a sales manager from London, Paul a happy-go-lucky DJ from Hampshire and Ekene, a football coach from London. Plus, find out how last week's couples got along with their dates on the Isle Of Fernando's.

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.35** Rachel Allen: Home Cooking. (R) **12.00** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **12.15** Football Focus. **1.00** British Olympic Dreams. **1.30** Swimming. **2.00** Film: The Haunted Mansion. (2003) Comedy, with Eddie Murphy, Terence Stamp and Jennifer Tilly. **3.20** Winter Wipeout. **4.20** Final Score. **5.15** A Question of Sport. (R) **5.45** BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

6.05 **Pointless Celebrities.** Brian Blessed and Anthea Turner compete in the unorthodox quiz.

7.00 **Let's Dance for Sport Relief.** Singer Olly Murs and DJ Scott Mills, Outnumbered star Tyger Drew-Honey, Tracy Beaker actress Dani Harmer and comedians Omar Djalili and Arabella Weir compete in the dance show.

8.20 **The National Lottery: Who Dares Wins.** Nick Knowles hosts the game show in which two pairs of strangers team up, each battling to outdo the other by listing as much as they know about a given subject. Last in the series.

9.10 **Casualty.** Part one of three. The ED is caught up in a bitter gang feud.

10.00 **BBC News; Weather.**

10.20 **Match of the Day.** Including highlights of Liverpool v Arsenal; National Lottery Update.

11.40 **The Football League Show.** Highlights of today's games in the Championship, League One and League Two.

12.55 Weatherview. **1.00** BBC News.

6.00 CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **12.15** Film: The Fox and the Child. (2007) Drama, with Bertille Noel-Bruneau. **1.45** Film: McLintock! (1963) Comedy Western, starring John Wayne. **3.50** Birds Britannia. **4.50** Escape to the Country. (R) **5.50** Flog It! (R)

6.50 **Dad's Army.** The platoon practises with live ammunition. (R) **7.20** **The Story of Light Entertainment.** A history of TV's all-round entertainers, recalling the heyday of variety, and considering how some stars have reinvented themselves as quiz show hosts or reality TV celebrities. (R)

8.20 **The Story of Musicals.** How productions including Cats, Phantom of the Opera, Blood Brothers and Les Misérables dominated the West End's theatres during the 1980s before becoming internationally popular.

9.20 **I'm in a Girl Group!** The second of three music documentaries focuses on life in a girl group, with contributions by members of the Spice Girls, Bananarama, Girls Aloud, the Bangles and Sister Sledge.

10.20 **TOTP2: Girl Groups.** Performances by the Supremes, the Spice Girls, the Pointer Sisters and B*Witched.

11.20 **Film: Son of Rambow.** (2007) Premiere. Coming-of-age comedy, starring Bill Miller.

12.50 Film: Factotum. (2005) Black comedy, starring Matt Dillon. **2.20** Close.

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. **7.25** CITV. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **10.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **11.20** This Morning: Saturday. **12.20** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **1.20** ITV News; Weather. **1.30** Film: The Jewel of the Nile. (1985) Comedy adventure sequel, starring Michael Douglas and Kathleen Turner. **3.30** Film: Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. (2005) Children's fantasy, starring Johnny Depp, Freddie Highmore, Helena Bonham Carter and Deep Roy. **5.35** Regional News; Weather. **5.45** ITV News; Weather.

6.05 **All Star Family Fortunes.** With Corrie's Brooke Vincent and Emmerdale's Rik Makarem.

7.05 **All New You've Been Framed!** A punchbag strikes back.

7.35 **Harry Hill's TV Burp.** Comic review of the week's small-screen highlights.

8.05 **Take Me Out.** A sales manager, a football coach, a cash-machine engineer and a DJ try to impress 30 single women, and last week's couples go on their dates. Paddy McGuinness presents.

9.20 **The Jonathan Ross Show.** With Rihanna, Lionel Richie, Michael Ball and Imelda Staunton.

10.20 **ITV News; Weather.**

10.35 **Film: Wanted.** (2008) Action adventure, starring James McAvoy, Angelina Jolie and Morgan Freeman.

12.35 The Zone; ITV News Headlines. **3.00** In Plain Sight. **3.45** ITV Newsnight. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

6.00 The Treacle People. (R) **6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** Road to London 2012: Paralympics Extra. A preview of the Paralympic swimming events. (R) **7.30** FIM Superbike World Championship. (R) **7.55** The Morning Line. **8.55** T4: Everyone's Talking About - Top 10. **9.25** T4: T4 at the NME Awards 2012. **10.00** T4: Playing It Straight. **11.00** T4: New Girl. (R) **11.30** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **12.00** T4: Charlie's Angels. **1.00** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.30** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.55** Channel 4 Racing. **4.00** Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.30** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.00** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.35** Come Dine with Me. (R)

6.10 **Come Dine with Me.** Hairdresser Mel Steel hosts the final party in Hertfordshire. (R)

6.40 **Channel 4 News.**

7.10 **4thought.tv.** A reflection on whether religion is still necessary.

7.15 **Obsessive Compulsive Hoarder.** A man whose hoarding puts his health in danger. (R)

8.10 **Big Fat Gypsy Weddings.** Traveller children cope with mainstream education. (R)

9.10 **The Bank Job.** Game show, hosted by George Lamb.

10.10 **Film: The Happening.** (2008) Horror, starring Mark Wahlberg.

11.55 **Music on 4: The NME Awards 2012.** Coverage of the annual awards show at London's Brixton Academy.

12.55 Film: Melinda and Melinda. (2004) **3.05** Blowing It. (R) **3.10** Brothers & Sisters. (R) **3.55** Reaper. (R) **4.40** 90210. (R) **5.20** Countdown. (R)

6.00 Milkshake! **10.00** Megastructures: Europe's Super Port. (R) **11.00** Royal Navy: Caribbean Patrol. (R) **12.00** Film: The Dirty Dozen. (1967) Second World War action adventure, with Lee Marvin. **2.50** Film: Capricorn One. (1977) Thriller, starring Elliott Gould. **5.15** Film: Hell Boats. (1970) Second World War drama, starring James Franciscus.

7.00 **5 News Weekend.**

7.05 **NCIS.** Vance insists on taking charge of inquiries into the fatal shooting of a boxer - but finds his past coming under scrutiny as the case unfolds. (R)

8.00 **NCIS.** The team becomes involved in an international incident when the body of an American petty officer is discovered, and evidence suggests he was killed on a British ship. (R)

9.00 **CSI: Crime Scene Investigation.** Grissom, Sara and Nick investigate the derailment of a rollercoaster to determine whether foul play was involved. (R)

10.00 **CSI: NY.** A fraternity house's initiation ritual turns deadly.

11.00 **Law & Order: Special Victims Unit.** The detectives crack down on a clinic dealing in bogus medicine.

11.50 **Inside Hollywood.** Magazine show.

12.00 SuperCasino. **4.00** Nick's Quest. (R) **4.50** County Secrets. (R) **5.00** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

ITV2 **3.25** American Idol **7.10** Film: Batteries Not Included (1987). Sci-fi fantasy, starring Jessica Tandy and Hume Cronyn. **9.20** Take Me Out - The Gossip **10.00** Celebrity Juice **10.45** Film: The Mummy Returns (2001)

ITV3 **2.45** A Touch of Frost **5.00** Life with Judy Garland: Me and My Shadows **7.00** Rosemary & Thyme **8.00** Doc Martin **9.00** Agatha Christie's Poirot **11.00** Those Who Kill

ITV4 **3.00** Film: Goldfinger (1964) **5.15** Film: Any Which Way You Can (1980). Comedy sequel, starring Clint Eastwood. **7.30** Film: Space Cowboys (2000). Space adventure, starring Clint Eastwood. With Tommy Lee Jones. **10.00** Film: The Enforcer (1976) Crime thriller sequel, starring Clint Eastwood.

BBC THREE **7.00** Doctor Who **8.30** Top Gear **9.30** Live at the Apollo **10.00** Film: Starship Troopers (1997). Brave recruits wake a desperate war against ravenous alien insects out to destroy the human race. Sci-fi adventure, with Casper Van Dien, Denise Richards and Dina Meyer.

BBC FOUR **7.00** Decisive Weapons **8.00** Sicily Unpacked **9.00** Inspector Montalbano **10.45** Bee Gees: In Our Own Time

E4 **1.50** Hollyoaks **4.25** Perfect Couples **4.50** Scrubs **5.50** The Big Bang Theory **6.45** Happy Endings **7.10** How I Met Your Mother **7.40** Rules of Engagement **8.40** The Big Bang Theory **9.10** Film: Independence Day (1996). Sci-fi adventure, starring Will Smith.

FILM4 **3.10** Son of the Mask (2004) **5.00** CutThroat Island (1995) **7.20** Hot Shots! (1991). Action movie spoof, with Charlie Sheen. **9.00** Adrift (2006). Thriller, starring Eric Dane. **10.45** F (2010) Premiere. Horror, with David Schofield.

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THAT SUNDAY NIGHT SHOW

ITV1, 10pm

It seems to be the general consensus with viewers, who may not have warmed to him on Daybreak, but are lapping up Adrian Chiles chat show, which comes to an end this week, having established itself as a mainstay in the schedules. He's much more comfortable here, being as grumpy, witty and insightful as we came to expect from his tenure on The One Show, and he also seems to be a dab-hand at getting big name guests, and then getting the best out of them. Once again, Chiles is joined by Des O'Connor, Denise Van Outen and Frank Skinner to round up the past seven days' biggest news stories.

6.00 Breakfast. **7.35** Match of the Day. (R) **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** The Big Questions. **11.00** Bargain Hunt; Weather for the Week Ahead. **11.30** Sunday Politics. **12.30** Match of the Day Live. Cardiff City v West Ham United (Kick-off 1.00pm). **2.45** Live Six Nations Rugby Union. France v Ireland (Kick-off 3.00pm). **5.10** Songs of Praise. **5.45** Land Girls. (R)

6.35 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

7.00 Countryfile. Matt Baker explores the Cotswold valleys, beginning in the village of Painswick, while Ellie Harrison joins a creative group who combine their passions for art and the outdoors.

8.00 Antiques Roadshow. Fiona Bruce and the team return to Lulworth Castle in Dorset, where items of interest include a 10th-century apothecary chest and a set of village stocks.

9.00 Upstairs Downstairs. Blanche comes face to face with a former lover. Emilia Fox guest stars.

10.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

10.25 Room 101 — Extra Storage. With Larry Lamb, David O'Doherty and Lauren Laverne.

11.05 Would I Lie to You? With Keeley Hawes, Stephen Mangan, Kevin Bridges and Professor Brian Cox. (R)

11.35 The Sky at Night.

12.15 The Celebrity Apprentice USA. **1.40** Weatherview. **1.45** Sign Zone: Film 2012 with Claudia Winkleman. (R) **2.25** Holby City. (R) **3.25** The Borrowers. (R) **4.55** BBC News.

6.00 CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **10.00** Something for the Weekend. **11.30** Escape to the Country. (R) **12.30** EastEnders. **2.20** Film: Hidalgo. (2004) Epic adventure, starring Viggo Mortensen. **4.25** Film: Death Defying Acts. (2007) Period drama, starring Guy Pearce.

6.00 I'm in a Girl Group! The second of three music documentaries focuses on life in a girl group, with contributions by members of the Spice Girls, Bananarama, Girls Aloud, the Bangles and Sister Sledge. (R)

7.00 World's Most Dangerous Roads. Rhod Gilbert and Greg Davies negotiate crumbling mountain roads as they travel through Nepal, a country with one of the world's highest rates of road traffic accidents. (R)

8.00 Top Gear. Jeremy Clarkson, Richard Hammond and James May test the KTM X-Bow, the Morgan Three Wheeler and the Caterham R500 at Donington Park racing circuit.

9.00 Orbit: Earth's Extraordinary Journey. New series: The effects of the planet's trip around the sun.

10.00 Match of the Day 2. Including highlights of Tottenham Hotspur v Manchester United.

11.15 QPR: The Four Year Plan. An insight into the running of Queens Park Rangers football club in recent years.

12.45 BBC News. **4.55** Close.

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. **7.25** CITV. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** Ade in Britain. (R) **10.30** May the Best House Win. (R) **11.30** Dickinson's Real Deal. (R) **12.30** ITV News; Weather. **12.35** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **1.40** Film: Columbo Cries Wolf. (1990) **3.40** Midsomer Murders. (R) **5.35** Regional News; Weather. **5.50** ITV News; Weather.

6.05 Harry Hill's TV Burp. Comic review of the week's small-screen highlights. (R)

6.35 Dancing on Ice. The remaining six celebrities face an extra challenge.

8.30 Wild at Heart. Following the loss of their funding, the residents are in dire financial straits, and Danny breaks news about his future that leaves Du Plessis devastated.

9.30 Dancing on Ice: The Skate Off. Phillip Schofield and Christine Bleakley preside as the two couples with the lowest scores have to skate again to stay in the competition.

10.00 That Sunday Night Show. With Des O'Connor, Denise Van Outen and Frank Skinner. Last in the series.

10.30 ITV News; Weather.

10.45 Whitechapel. Part one of two. A patient escapes from a psychiatric unit. (R)

11.45 Premiership Rugby Union. Including highlights of Newcastle Falcons v Harlequins.

12.35 The Zone; ITV News Headlines. **2.35** River Monsters. (R) **3.30** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

6.05 Channel 4 Presents — 2012: Helen Turner. (R) **6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** The Paralympic Show. (R) **7.30** Sailing: America's Cup Uncovered. (R) **7.55** Channel 4 Presents — 2012: Hannah Cockcroft — Part Two. (R) **8.00** T4: Hollyoaks. (R) **10.35** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.10** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **11.45** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **12.20** Film: Alaska. (1996) Action adventure, with Thora Birch. **2.35** Film: Alvin and the Chipmunks. (2007) Children's comedy, starring Jason Lee. **4.20** Deal or No Deal. **5.20** Time Team.

6.25 Channel 4 News. **6.55** 4thought.tv. The use of religious symbols in society.

7.00 The Political Slot. With Jo Swinson MP.

7.05 Home of the Future. The Perera experience hi-tech kitchen gadgets.

8.00 War Horse: The Real Story. An account of the million British horses put to work on the front line during the First World War, told using archive footage and testimonies from veterans of the conflict.

9.00 Homeland. Carrie has high hopes that Lynne, her spy in the Saudi prince's entourage, can lead her to an al-Qaeda operative in America.

10.00 FILM: Inglourious Basterds. (2009) Premiere. Second World War adventure, starring Brad Pitt.

1.00 Film: The Machinist. (2004) Psychological thriller, starring Christian Bale. **2.45** The Astronomer's Sun. (R) **2.55** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **4.00** Reaper. (R) **4.40** 90210. (R) **5.25** Countdown. (R)

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Fifi and the Flowerpots. (R) **6.25** City of Friends. (R) **6.40** Harry and His Bucket Full of Dinosaurs. (R) **6.50** Castle Farm. (R) **6.55** Igam Ogam. (R) **7.05** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.15** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **7.25** Family! (R) **7.35** Make Way for Noddy. (R) **7.50** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) **8.00** Little Princess. (R) **8.15** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.30** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **8.45** Rupert Bear. (R) **9.00** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.15** The Mr Men Show. (R) **9.25** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **9.40** Mist: Sheepdog Tales. (R) **10.00** Animal Rescue Squad. (R) **10.15** Grey's Anatomy. (R) **11.15** Cowboy Builders. (R) **12.15** Film: D.A.R.Y.L. (1985) Sci-fi drama, with Mary Beth Hurt. **2.10** Film: Dragonslayer. (1981) Fantasy adventure, starring Peter MacNicol. **4.15** Film: Gremlins 2: The New Batch. (1990) Comedy sequel, starring Zach Galligan.

6.10 FILM: The Da Vinci Code. (2006) Thriller, starring Tom Hanks.

8.55 5 News.

9.00 Ultimate Police Interceptors. A reckless driver leads police on a chase across two counties. (R)

10.00 FILM: The Exorcism of Emily Rose. (2005) Horror, starring Tom Wilkinson and Laura Linney.

12.15 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. (R) **1.15** SuperCasino. **3.50** County Secrets. (R) **4.05** The FBI Files. (R) **4.50** County Secrets. (R) **5.00** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

ITV2 **3.20** The Only Way Is Essex. **4.50** Film: The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor (2008). Fantasy adventure sequel, starring Brendan Fraser. **7.00** Film: Richie Rich (1994). Family comedy, starring Macaulay Culkin. **9.00** Benidorm. **10.00** Film: Ocean's Twelve (2004). Crime caper sequel, starring George Clooney.

ITV3 **4.00** Film: March of the Penguins (2005). Oscar-winning nature documentary, narrated by Morgan Freeman. **6.00** Agatha Christie's Poirot. **9.00** Foyle's War. **11.05** Cracker.

ITV4 **2.55** Film: The Secret War of Harry Frigg (1967). **5.10** Film: Kelly's Heroes (1970). Second World War adventure, starring Clint Eastwood. **8.00** Premiership Rugby Union. Including highlights of Newcastle Falcons v Harlequins. **9.00** Film: The Kingdom (2007). Thriller, starring Jamie Foxx and Jennifer Garner. **11.15** Film: Ned Kelly (2003).

BBC THREE **2.55** Let's Dance for Sport Relief. **8.00** The Secrets of Everything. **9.00** Being Human. **10.00** Pramface. **10.30** Family Guy. **11.15** American Dad!

BBC FOUR **2.00** Doris Day — A Sentimental Journey. **8.00** One Man and His Dog. **9.00** The Golden Age of Canals. **10.00** Film: Rapt. (2009). Premiere. Drama, with Yvan Attal and Anne Consigny.

E4 **4.35** Samantha Who? **5.05** Being Erica. **6.05** 90210. **7.00** Film: The Golden Child (1986). Fantasy adventure, starring Eddie Murphy. **9.00** Desperate Housewives. **11.00** Skins.

FILM4 **2.40** That Thing You Do! (1996). **4.50** Home Alone 3 (1997). **6.50** The Devil Wears Prada (2006). **9.00** GI Joe: The Rise of Cobra (2009). Action adventure, starring Channing Tatum and Sienna Miller. **11.15** Wicker Park (2004).

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Monday

BBC1 6.00 Breakfast. 9.15 Postcode Lottery. 10.00 Homes Under the Hammer; (R) BBC News; Weather. 11.00 Cowboy Trap. 11.45 Cash in the Attic; (R) BBC News; Weather. 12.15 Bargain Hunt. 1.00 BBC News; Weather. 1.30 Regional News; Weather. 1.45 Doctors. 2.15 Missing. (R) 3.00 BBC News; Weather; Regional News. 3.05 CBBC. 5.15 Pointless. 6.00 BBC News; Weather. 6.30 Regional News Programmes; Weather. 7.00 The One Show. 7.30 Inside Out; BBC News; Regional News. 8.00 EastEnders. Whitney is terrified when Lauren's alcohol problem worsens. 8.30 The Money Farmers - Panorama. An investigation into the farming subsidy system. 9.00 Empire. 10.00 BBC News. 10.25 Regional News; Weather. 10.35 A Question of Sport. 11.05 Late Kick Off. 11.35 The Graham Norton Show. (R) 12.20 The Celebrity Apprentice USA. 1.45 Weatherview. 1.50 Sign Zone: Great British Food Revival. (R) 2.50 Accused. (R) 3.50 Hairy Bikers' Best of British. (R) 4.35 BBC News.

BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.30 BBC World News. 12.00 Daily Politics. 1.00 Coast. (R) 1.20 Film: Press For Free. (1966) Comedy, starring Norman Wisdom. 3.00 Escape to the Country. (R) 3.45 Flog It! (R) 4.30 Perfection. (R) 5.15 Antiques Road Trip. 6.00 Eggheads. 6.30 My Life in Books. 7.00 The Fastest Changing Place on Earth. 8.00 University Challenge. Worcester College, Oxford, takes on the University of Manchester. 8.30 The Bleak Old Shop of Stuff. Jederrington and Nevepative take Mr Grimston to court. (R) 9.00 series. 9.00 The Tube. 10.00 Watson & Oliver. 10.30 Newsnight; Weather. 11.20 Three Men Go to Ireland. 12.05 BBC News. 3.15 The Super League Show. 4.00 BBC Learning Zone.

ITV1 6.00 Daybreak. 8.30 Lorraine. 9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show. 10.30 This Morning. 12.30 Loose Women. 1.30 ITV News; Weather. 1.55 Regional News; Weather. 2.00 Dickinson's Real Deal. 3.00 The Alan Titchmarsh Show. 3.59 Regional Weather. 4.00 Midsomer Murders. (R) 5.00 The Chase. 6.00 Regional News; Weather. 6.30 ITV News; Weather. 7.00 Emmerdale. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 The Dales. 8.30 Coronation Street. 9.00 Whitechapel. 10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather. 10.30 Regional News; Weather. 10.35 The Agency. 11.05 Nat Sunday Night Show. (R) 11.40 Piers Morgan's Life Stories: Boris Becker. (R) 12.35 The Zone; ITV News Headlines. 2.40 Champions League Weekly. 3.05 ITV Nightscreen. 4.35 The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) 5.30 ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 6.10 The Hoobs. (R) 6.35 Freshly Squeezed. 7.30 According to Jim. 7.55 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 8.25 Frasier. (R) 8.55 Undercover Boss USA. (R) 9.55 Phil Spencer: Secret Agent. (R) 11.00 You Deserve This House. 12.00 Channel 4 News Midday Summary. 12.05 Baking Mad with Eric Laniard. 12.35 River Cottage Bites. (R) 12.45 Film: The Cowboys. (1972) Western, starring John Wayne. 3.10 Countdown. 4.00 Deal or No Deal. 5.00 Come Dine with Me. 5.30 Coach Trip. 6.00 The Simpsons. (R) 6.30 Hollyoaks. 7.00 Channel 4 News. 7.55 4thought.tv. 8.00 SuperScrippers. 9.00 Embarrassing Bodies. 10.00 Out on a Limb. 11.05 Keith Allen Meets Nick Griffin. 12.10 Random Acts. 12.15 Homeland. (R) 1.10 Shameless. (R) 2.05 A1 Cabs. (R) 2.30 Home Road Movies. (R) 2.45 Home of the Future. (R) 3.40 Reasons to Be Cheerful. (R) 3.50 Chrono-Perambulator. (R) 4.00 Birth of Britain. (R) 4.55 Time Team. (R) 5.55 The Treacle People. (R)

Channel 5 6.00 Milkshake! 9.15 The Wright Stuff. 11.10 LIVE with Gabby. 12.10 5 News Lunchtime. 12.15 The Removal Men: Pickfords. (R) 1.15 Home and Away. 1.45 Neighbours. 2.15 The Mentalist. (R) 3.10 Film: The Boy She Met Online. (2010) Premiere. 5.00 5 News at 5. 5.30 Neighbours. (R) 6.00 Home and Away. (R) 6.30 5 News at 6.30. 7.00 Stansfeld: The Inside Story. (R) 5 News. 8.00 Police Interceptors. 5 News. 9.00 Royal Marines: Mission Afghanistan. 10.00 Film: Untraceable. (2008) Premiere. Horror. 12.00 Soho Blues. (R) 12.55 SuperCasino. 4.00 House Doctor. (R) 4.20 Wildlife SOS. (R) 5.10 Michaela's Wild Challenge. (R)

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BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.30 BBC World News. 12.00 Daily Politics. 1.00 Coast. 1.05 Coast. (R) 1.25 Film: The Early Bird. (1965) Slapstick comedy, starring Norman Wisdom. 3.00 Escape to the Country. (R) 3.45 Flog It! (R) 4.30 Perfection. (R) 5.15 Antiques Road Trip. 6.00 Eggheads. 6.30 My Life in Books. 7.00 Raymond Blanc: The Very Hungry Frenchman. (R) 8.00 Alex Polizzi: The Fixer. 9.00 Horizon. Scientists' predictions that Earth will be hit by solar storms this year. 11.30 Never Mind the Buzzcocks. (R) 10.30 Newsnight; Weather. 11.20 Rubicon. 12.05 Rubicon. 12.55 BBC News. 3.40 Close. 4.00 BBC Learning Zone.

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Channel 4 6.05 The Hoobs. (R) 6.30 Channel 4 Presents - 2012: Will Bayley - Part Two. 7.30 Freshly Squeezed. 7.30 According to Jim. 7.55 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 8.30 Frasier. (R) 9.00 Undercover Boss USA. (R) 9.55 Phil Spencer: Secret Agent. (R) 11.00 You Deserve This House. 12.00 Channel 4 News Midday Summary. 12.05 Baking Mad with Eric Laniard. 12.35 River Cottage Bites. (R) 12.50 Film: Gunfight at the Ok Corral. (1957) Western, starring Burt Lancaster. 3.10 Countdown. 4.00 Deal or No Deal. 5.00 Come Dine with Me. 5.30 Coach Trip. 6.00 The Simpsons. (R) 6.30 Hollyoaks. 7.00 Channel 4 News. 7.55 4thought.tv. 8.00 SuperScribe vs SuperSquint. 9.00 Big Fat Gypsy Weddings. 10.00 Shameless. Frank jeopardises Jamie and Shane's plan to steal scratchcards. 11.05 Random Acts. 11.10 Desperate Housewives. 12.10 Poker. 1.10 Sailing: America's Cup Uncovered. 1.35 KOTV Boxing Weekly. 2.00 Late Night Poker. (R) 2.55 That Paralympic Show. (R) 3.25 Paralympic Wheelchair Rugby GB Cup 2011. (R) 4.20 Road to London 2012: Paralympic Extra. 5.15 Full Metal Challenge. (R)

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BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.30 BBC World News. 1.00 See Hear. 1.30 Film: Just My Luck. (1967) 2.55 Escape to the Country. 3.40 Flog It! (R) 4.25 Perfection. (R) 5.10 Antiques Road Trip. 5.55 Party Political Broadcast. 6.00 Eggheads. 6.30 My Life in Books. 7.00 Escape to the Country. 7.30 Watson & Oliver. (R) 8.00 The Fisherman's Apprentice with Monty Hall. 9.00 Granny's Moving In: A Wonderland Film. 10.00 Roger & Val Have Just Got In. 10.30 Newsnight; Weather. 11.20 Storyville - Extreme Brain Surgery. The English Surgeon. (R) 12.50 BBC News. 4.00 BBC Learning Zone.

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BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.30 BBC World News. 12.00 Daily Politics. 1.00 Coast. (R) 1.30 Film: Up in the World. (1956) British comedy, starring Norman Wisdom. 3.00 Escape to the Country. 3.45 Flog It! (R) 4.30 Perfection. (R) 5.15 Antiques Road Trip. 6.00 Eggheads. 6.30 My Life in Books. 7.00 Top Gear. (R) 8.00 Natural World: Grizzlies of Alaska. 9.00 White Heat. New series. Drama charting the lives of seven friends from 1965 to the present day. Claire Foy stars. 10.30 The Sarah Milligan Television Programme. 10.30 Newsnight; Weather. 11.20 The Tube. (R) 12.20 BBC News. 3.40 Close. 4.00 BBC Learning Zone.

ITV1 6.00 Daybreak. 8.30 Lorraine. 9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show. 10.30 This Morning. 12.30 Loose Women. 1.30 ITV News; Weather. 1.55 Regional News; Weather. 2.00 Dickinson's Real Deal. 3.00 The Alan Titchmarsh Show. 3.59 Regional Weather. 4.00 Midsomer Murders. (R) 5.00 The Chase. 6.00 Regional News; Weather. 6.30 ITV News; Weather. 7.00 Emmerdale. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 Emmerdale. Ed tells Aaron he is moving to France in four weeks. 8.30 Coronation Street. Peter is missing as news of Frank's death spreads. 9.00 Kidnap and Ransom. 10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather. 10.30 Regional News; Weather. 10.35 The Jonathan Ross Show. (R) 11.35 Take Me Out. (R) 12.40 The Zone; ITV News Headlines. 2.40 2012 Pride and Punishment: Tonight. (R) 3.05 ITV Nightscreen. 4.35 The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) 5.30 ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 6.10 The Hoobs. (R) 6.35 The Treacle People. (R) 6.10 The Hoobs. (R) 6.35 The Hoobs. (R) 7.00 Freshly Squeezed. 7.30 According to Jim. 7.55 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 8.30 Frasier. (R) 9.00 Undercover Boss USA. (R) 9.55 Phil Spencer: Secret Agent. (R) 11.00 You Deserve This House. 12.00 Channel 4 News Midday Summary. 12.05 Baking Mad with Eric Laniard. 12.35 River Cottage Veg. (R) 12.55 Film: A Room with a View. (1985) Period drama, starring Helena Bonham Carter. 3.10 Countdown. 4.00 Deal or No Deal. 5.00 Come Dine with Me. 5.30 Coach Trip. 6.00 The Simpsons. (R) 6.30 Hollyoaks. 7.00 Channel 4 News. 7.55 4thought.tv. 8.00 Location, Location, Location. 9.00 Make Bradford British. 10.00 Our Man in the Costas. 11.05 Embarrassing Bodies. (R) 12.05 Random Acts. 12.10 Coppers. (R) 1.10 The World's Fattest Families and Me. (R) 2.05 Whatever Turns You On. (R) 2.10 The Bible: A History. (R) 3.05 Time Team. (R) 4.00 Reaper. (R) 4.45 90210. (R) 5.25 Countdown. (R)

Channel 5 6.00 Milkshake! 9.15 The Wright Stuff. 11.10 LIVE with Gabby. 12.10 5 News Lunchtime. 12.15 Emergency Bikers. (R) 1.15 Home and Away. 1.45 Neighbours. 2.15 CSI: NY. (R) 3.15 Film: Dangers. Daze. (2004) Romantic comedy, starring John Larroquette and Karen Valentine. 5.00 5 News at 5. 5.30 Neighbours. (R) 6.00 Home and Away. (R) 6.30 5 News at 6.30. 7.00 Holiday Heaven on Earth. 7.30 Live UEFA Europa League Football. Coverage of a last-16 first-leg match (Kick-off TBA). 10.15 Film: Mercenary for Justice. (2006) Action thriller, starring Steven Seagal. 12.05 SuperCasino. 4.00 House Doctor. (R) 4.25 Wildlife SOS. (R) 5.10 Michaela's Wild Challenge. (R)

Friday

BBC1 6.00 Breakfast. 9.15 Postcode Lottery. 10.00 Homes Under the Hammer; (R) BBC News; Weather. 11.00 Cowboy Trap. 11.45 Cash in the Attic; (R) BBC News; Weather. 12.15 Bargain Hunt. (R) 1.00 BBC News; Weather. 1.30 Regional News; Weather. 1.45 Doctors. 2.15 Missing. (R) 3.00 BBC News; Weather; Regional News. 3.05 CBBC. 5.15 Pointless. 6.00 BBC News; Weather. 6.30 Regional News Programmes; Weather. 7.00 The One Show. 7.30 EastEnders; BBC News; Regional News. 8.00 EastEnders. Lorraine's various jobs prompt Mandy to lash out. 8.30 Room 101. With John Prescott. Rebecca Front and Micky Flanagan. Last in the series. 9.00 New Tricks. (R) 10.00 BBC News. 10.25 Regional News; Weather. 10.35 The Graham Norton Show. 11.20 The National Lottery Friday Night Draws. 11.30 Film: The Peacemaker. (1997) Action thriller, starring George Clooney and Nicole Kidman. 1.25 Weatherview. 1.30 Sign Zone: Question Time. (R) 2.30 Bees, Butterflies and Blooms. (R) 3.30 Hairy Bikers' Best of British. (R) 4.15 BBC News.

BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.30 BBC World News. 12.00 Daily Politics. 1.00 Coast. (R) 1.15 Film: On the Beat. (1962) Comedy, starring Norman Wisdom. 3.00 Escape to the Country. (R) 3.45 Flog It! (R) 4.30 Perfection. (R) 5.15 Antiques Road Trip. 6.00 Eggheads. 6.30 My Life in Books. 7.00 The Culture Show. 8.00 Mastermind. Subjects include the History of FC Barcelona. 8.30 Gardeners' World. New series. Monty Don plants bare-rooted raspberries. 9.00 Melvyn Bragg on Class. 9. Culture. 10.00 QI. (R) 10.30 Newsnight. 11.00 The Review Show. 11.45 Weather. 11.50 Film: Tormented. (2009) Premiere. Satirical horror, starring Tuppence Middleton. 1.15 The Culture Show. (R) 2.15 BBC News. 4.15 Close.

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Channel 4 6.10 The Hoobs. (R) 6.35 Live Athletics: The World Indoor Championships. 12.15 Channel 4 News Summary. 12.20 Baking Mad with Eric Laniard. 12.50 Film: Carry On Teacher. (1959) Comedy, starring Ted Ray. 2.30 Live Athletics: The World Indoor Championships. 4.00 Deal or No Deal. 5.00 Come Dine with Me. 5.30 Coach Trip. 6.00 The Simpsons. (R) 6.30 Hollyoaks. 7.00 Channel 4 News. 7.30 4thought.tv. 7.35 Come Dine with Me: Four amateur cooks from Stockport compete. 8.30 New Girl. Jess plans Schmidt's 29th birthday party. 9.00 The Bank Job. 10.00 The Secret Policemen's Ball. 12.45 Film: Withnail & I. (1987) Comedy, with Richard E Grant and Paul McGann. 2.35 Random Acts. (R) 2.40 My Name Is Earl. (R) 3.30 Hung. (R) 3.55 Reaper. (R) 4.35 90210. (R) 5.20 Countdown. (R)

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This home, known as The Village, overlooks the green in Kingswinford

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Planning permission has also been granted (in 2007) for a ground floor extension for an additional reception room/bedroom plus shower room (potential annexe).

On the ground floor the entrance hall leads to an L-shaped sitting room, 16ft 4in by 15ft 4in, with a period style fireplace with cast inset flame-effect gas fire, quarry tiled hearth and stairs to the first floor.

The refitted split-level family breakfast kitchen has a range of Shaker-style units with work surfaces, one-and-a-half bowl sink drainer unit with mixer tap, recess and plumbing for dishwasher, integrated gas hob with cooker hood above, integrated oven and integrated fridge with a step up to the breakfast area with space for a table and furniture.

An inner hall provides access to the garage with further doors to the formal dining

room/second sitting room measuring 13ft 2in by 12ft 2in including a feature cast iron range with living flame fire and quarry tiled hearth, and to the study and separate utility room with plumbing for automatic washing machine/dishwasher.

Cottage-style

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Outside the property is set back behind an attractive walled front cottage-style garden with a driveway providing off road parking and leading to a garage and then a guest cloak-room/wc.

The established rear garden has a broad paved patio area with a dwarf wall and steps to an arched pergola and shaped lawns with central flower bed, apple tree and well-stocked borders. There is also an octagonal summer house with a tiled floor. For more details call Taylors on 01384 401777.



In the rear garden there is an octagonal summer house with a tiled floor



An L-shaped sitting room has a period-style fireplace with inset gas fire

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A Furnished To Suit Two Bedroom Flat In High Street Location. Briefly Comprising of: Living Room, Fitted Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Shower Room, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Parking Space.

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HALESOWEN, TEMPE ROAD

A very well presented and close to Colley Lane Primary School, is this furnished to suit ground floor apartment, briefly comprising of: Two Double Bedrooms, Spacious Lounge, Fitted Kitchen with White Goods, Family Bathroom with Shower, Allocated Parking Space.

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NETHERTON, BAPTIST END ROAD

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DUDLEY, BEAN ROAD

A refurbished ground floor flat within easy reach of the town centre, briefly comprising of: Reception Hall with Minton Floor, Lounge, Double Bedroom, Fitted Kitchen, Shower Room, Double Glazing, and Communal Parking, Unfurnished

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DUDLEY, BEAN ROAD

A refurbished 2nd floor flat within easy reach of town centre, briefly comprising of: One Double Bedroom with En-Suite Shower Room, Open Plan Lounge and Kitchen, Double Glazing, Communal Parking

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BRIERLEY HILL, CHURCH HILL

Located within walking distance to Brierley Hill and Merry Hill, is this modernised second floor apartment, briefly comprising of: Fitted Kitchen, One Double Bedroom, Bathroom with Shower, Spacious Lounge, Parking Available at Rear

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A traditional home is on sale for £269,950

OFFERS in the region of £269,950 are being invited for a four-bedroom terraced home in Monmouth Road, Warley Woods.

The accommodation at this impressive and well-situated traditional property briefly comprises four bedrooms, en suite and walk-in wardrobe, through lounge/dining room and rear sitting room/playroom.

The house, which has a number of original features, also benefits from gas central heating and part-double glazing.

The property fronts Monmouth Road, around 100 yards from its junction with Harborne Road and within easy reach of Warley Woods, half a mile from Bearwood High Street and just over three miles from Birmingham city centre.

Inside the vestibule has the original Minton tiled floor, with a door to the hall – again with Minton tiles.

Fireplace

The through lounge/dining room, 12ft 11in by 26ft 8in, has a lounge area with cast iron fireplace surround with mantel over and raised hearth with double doors to the dining area with a coal effect gas fire and French doors to the garden.

The refitted kitchen is 9ft 1in by 15ft 5in and has a range of base and wall cupboards, one and a half bowl stainless steel sink, larder unit, marble effect work surfaces set in tiled surround, quarry tiled floor and pantry with plumbing for automatic washing machine. The rear sitting room is 12ft 6in by 14ft 7in and has double French doors to the garden.

On the first floor are four bedrooms, bedroom four with an en-suite with white suite comprising shower com-



The terraced property includes many original features

partment, pedestal hand basin and low level wc. There is also a bathroom with white suite comprising panelled bath with shower attachment, vanity hand basin and low level wc. Outside is a paved patio with the garden being mainly laid to lawn with flowers, shrubs, timber shed and cold water tap. For further details call Derek Spire Bearwood on 0121 420 4646.

Period charm can be yours for offers around £1,650,000 mark



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In addition to wonderful walking on the doorstep, other country pursuits are close to hand including bike riding, horse riding and golf.

Dating back to the mid 19th century the property has been lovingly refurbished to a high standard, with the interior design a clever combination of contemporary flair while respecting period detail. The house is set back

from the road and is approached down a long gravel driveway.

Entry to the property is through an elegant porch going through to an impressive large reception hall, and then onto five reception rooms, including drawing room, sitting room, dining room, family room and kitchen/breakfast room.

Granite

There are also six bedrooms – the master en suite – and two further bathrooms. In the kitchen the open plan cooking and eating area has an extensive range of hand painted units together with granite working surfaces, a central preparation unit and a fireplace set in a recessed chimney breast, with French doors to a walled courtyard.

The master bedroom suite is accessed through a well fitted dressing room which takes you through to a highly polished bath with pewter fittings. Outside are formal gardens, paddock and woodland, two walled courtyards, outbuildings, garage, stables, tack room and store. Call Bartlams on 01902 754777 for more details or visit www.bartlams.co.uk



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A two bedroom modern new build property comprising lounge, kitchen and bathroom. Parking and rear garden. Double glazing and central heating. No upward chain. TO INCLUDE CARPETS

£123,500

NEW BUILD

Pippin Avenue, Halesowen



£70,000

A one bedroom first floor flat comprising lounge, kitchen, bathroom, allocated parking and garage en-bloc

Bloomfield Street West, Halesowen



£108,000

A two bedroom terraced property comprising lounge, kitchen and shower room. Rear garden and double glazing and central heating.

Gorsty Hill Road, Rowley Regis



A three bedroom semi detached property comprising two reception rooms, kitchen, bathroom, rear garden and double glazing. No Upward Chain.

£105,000

NEW

Halesowen Road, Cradley Heath



A three bedroom terraced property comprising lounge, dining room, kitchen, bathroom and rear garden. Central heating and double glazing.

£110,000

NEW

Peckover Close, Rowley Regis



£118,000

A three bedroom semi detached property comprising lounge, breakfast kitchen and shower room, Garage, driveway and rear garden. Double glazing and central heating.

Peachley Close, Halesowen



£140,000

A two bedroom detached bungalow comprising lounge, kitchen and bathroom. Driveway and rear garden. No upward chain.

Hillwood Road, Halesowen



A mid terraced property comprising lounge, kitchen, three bedrooms and bathroom. Driveway, garden and rear garage. No upward chain.

£90,000

NEW

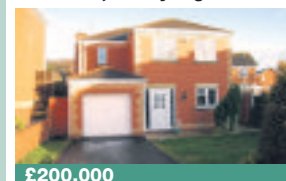
Belbroughton Road, Halesowen



A three bedroom semi detached property comprising lounge/diner, kitchen and bathroom. Garage, driveway and rear garden. Double glazing and central heating.

£145,000

Arkle Croft, Rowley Regis



£200,000

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57 Reg	FORD FIESTA 1.25 ZETEC CLIMATE, Mauve, A/C, Alloys, CD, 5 door, Insurance Grp 4, FSH, 23k	£3195	£33
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The more imposing, more efficient and more extensively equipped new incarnation of the acclaimed sports car can be ordered now at an OTR price of £58,725, and will reach its first British customers in April.

Styling updates include a slight revision to the single frame grille design, sharper and more pronounced bonnet contours, new 'solid band' wraparound LED daytime running lights and LED rear lights, new look front and rear

bumpers and a new 10-spoke design for the 19-inch alloy wheels.

Inside, the most noticeable enhancements are likely to be the addition of Bluetooth mobile phone preparation, cruise control, DVD-based satellite navigation and Audi Music Interface iPod connection to the standard equipment list for this updated model.

Sensors

The cruise control system can also now be upgraded at extra cost to the adaptive system with braking guard, which uses radar sensors to control distance from traffic in front of the car between 19mph and 155mph, and can also initiate partial braking or full deceleration if its sensors detect an impending collision.

Interior design changes extend to a new flat-bottomed RS three-spoke

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The Borough Council of Sandwell in exercise of its powers under Sections 1, 2, 45 and 46 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and of all other enabling powers and after consulting with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with paragraph 20 of Schedule 9 to the said Act of 1984 has made an Order which will have the effect of revoking The Borough Council of Sandwell (Area No. 5 Cradley Heath, Old Hill and Blackheath) (Traffic Regulation Order No. 11) 2010 and introducing the following amendments:-
1. To extend no waiting at any time in part of Birchfield Lane, Curral Road, Garratts Lane, Hightgate Street and Stokesay Close.
2. To extend no waiting at any time and introduce no waiting at any time in parts of Forge Lane.
3. To introduce no waiting at any time in parts of Ascot Close, Aston Road, Bradley Close, Maypole Close, Pine Road, Powke Lane, Station Road Industrial Estate, Stuart Road, Tinsley Avenue, Winwood Road and part of Barrs Road, High Haden Road, New Pool Road, Pennerick Lane, Spring Crescent and Station Road (Rowley Regis).
4. To reduce the length of existing no waiting at any time in part of Poplar Avenue and parts of Regent Close.
5. To amend the existing limited waiting restrictions in parts of Reddall Hill Road and Upper High Street, Cradley Heath and substitute with no waiting at any time. The Council also propose to introduce limited waiting during prescribed hours, no loading during prescribed hours and no waiting at any time in parts of Reddall Hill Road and Upper High Street.
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A copy of the Order, the Order to be revoked, a Statement of Reasons for making the Order and plans showing the roads affected may be examined at the Offices of the Director of Legal and Governance Services, between the hours of 8.00 am to 5.30 pm on Mondays to Thursdays and 8.00 am to 5.00 pm on Fridays. Plans are also available to view on the Council's website.
The Order was made on 14 February 2012 and shall come into operation on 20 February 2012.
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Hawks in battle to keep eye on victory

Boys league

Forest Falcons 3

Halas Hawks 5

HALAS under-nines West got back to winning ways at Forest Falcons with goals from Harvey Brookes (3), Jayke Adams and Anthony Andrew.

Halas Hawks 2 Trysull 1

The under-nines East narrowly won an end to end game. Aston Loynes broke the deadlock and Jack Plant added a second before Trysull pulled one back.

Wordsley North 0

Halas Hawks 0

Tremendous saves from stand-in goalkeeper Josh Yorke enabled the Halas under-10s East side to take a draw from the home of the divisional leaders.

Forest Falcons 0

Halas Hawks 6

The under-12s won comfortably with goals from Mohammed Yafai (2), Nick Bennett (2), Samuel Tonks and Ben Jeavons.

Legion Lions 2 Halas Hawks 0

The under-13s' League Cup run ended after the side created numerous chances but failed to convert them.

Trysull Tigers 1 Halas Hawks 1

The under-14s led at Trysull who equalised in the second half.

Halas Hawks 1

Kewford Eagles 0

An early first-half goal by Jake Mace gave the under-16s victory against unbeaten Kewford.

Halas 4 Forest Falcons 3

The under-17s were three up in 15 minutes and also led 4-1 before the Falcons fought back. Scorers were Ben Hughes (2), Mitch Wells and Joe Powell.

Girls league

Halas Hawks 13 Gornal 0

Hannah Fellows scored five times, as the under-10s beat Gornal.

There were hat-tricks for Kelly Nicklin and Kirsty Hampton with Maddison Eden (2) also scoring.

Kewford Eagles 1

Halas Hawks 5

Louise Tromans' first-half goal proved the catalyst for the Halas under-13 team. They scored second-half goals through Abigail Gennard, Esme Moran and Amy Plimmer before Kewford scored and Gennard added her second.

Withymoor Colts 5

Halas Hawks 1

The under-16 girls had a good go at top of the table Withymoor as Gemma Stokes' excellent goal brought them back to 2-1 before the home side went clear.

Fault halts Connor's rally

HALESOWEN rally co-driver John Connor suffered disappointment to his hopes of a podium spot at Bournemouth's Rallye Sunseeker.

Connor and Norfolk driver Richard Archer had mechanical failure on the second special stage.

Archer said: "After our crash in Ulster, our plan was to get round the course, record a finish, set some good times and score some points."

"Unfortunately, despite testing the car on Thursday, it developed a misfire on stage one which turned

out to be terminal three miles into stage two.

"This is a bitter disappointment to the whole team. We will put the car in to ensure the car is in tip-top fettle for the next round in Wales."

That wasn't the only drama, as Connor noted. "The day was not without incident," he said.

"Running as first car on the first stage to be brought to a near standstill by four full-grown black fallow deer, complete with antlers. 'It's not that often I get that

close to wildlife and if I do, it's normally on a plate or in a pie."

"So it was even more of a shock as we tried to pass - another four nearly leapt over the bonnet from out of the forest."

The team, backed by Pirelli and Stourbridge financial advisers Hayburn Rock Associates Ltd, rectified the fault to allow the crew to gain more valuable test mileage.

The next round, The International Rally of North Wales, begins on Friday, March 23. Details are on www.bulldog-rally.co.uk and www.brcchallenge.co.uk



Rally duo Richard Archer and John Connor get up to speed

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Brilliant Baggies revel in success

Albion 4 Sunderland 0

IT'S amazing what derby success can do for a season, writes **Steve Madeley**.

The spirit of that 5-1 triumph at Wolves was there for all to see as Roy Hodgson's men demolished a Sunderland team whose impressive resurgence under the guidance of Martin O'Neill was stopped in its tracks.

From the deliciously-derivative Wolves-themed songs in the stands to the new-found swagger on the field, memories of Molineux pervaded all areas of the derby heroes' triumphant homecoming.

And the result was a performance in many ways even more impressive than the clinical dissection of Mick McCarthy's Wolves in the previous game.

The rousing pre-match tones of Tivendale schoolgirl Emily Badger with Albion anthem 'The Lord's My Shepherd' set the tone for an afternoon that was starkly different to recent Hawthorns occasions.

Peter Odemwingie's third-minute opener relieved much of the tension before James Morrison's header just before half-time provided vital breathing space.

And Odemwingie's coolly-taken second just after the break killed off any prospect of a comeback.

By the time Keith Andrews completed the entertainment with his stoppage-time strike, the Baggies had nine goals in 180 minutes of action.

Williams grabs a late winner

Warley Borough 0 Hasbury Rangers U13 1

WARLEY were in charge for most of the first half, but Hasbury took over in the second. Two minutes from time, Connor Hoban played an indirect free-kick back to Jimmy Williams, who rasped a shot into the roof of the net for the winner.

Hasbury Girls U14 7 Gornal Girls 1

It was lucky seven for Hasbury against Gornal.

Leah George opened the scoring for Hasbury and Ellis Hall got the second.

Levi Cheadle collected a through ball to notch the third and George got her second before the break. Siobhan Peplow made it five; George tapped in her hat-trick goal and Peplow scored again. Gornal scored late on.

Tournament success for netball teenagers

THE West Midlands Regional Under-19s netball tournament proved a smash hit.

Walsall Campus Sports Centre played host to the event with 13 sides from as far afield as Herefordshire and north Staffordshire taking part. The competition was played on a round-robin basis with each side playing 12 matches.

Bromsgrove-based Ryland took the honours with Staffordshire outfit Newcastle claiming the runners-up spot and Coventry side Henley finishing third.

The local representation was provided by Walsall sides Yendis and Barr Beacon, Oldbury and Wolverhampton outfit Molineux.

Witness

West Midlands regional netball management board member Karen Seleshe was on hand to witness the action and was delighted both with the standard of competition and the level of organisation.

"This competition is the brainchild of competitions group member Syd Snalles," said Seleshe.

"There isn't a national competition at the under-19 age group so we decided to organise an event in an attempt to bridge the gap. And this year's was the most successful we have staged.

"There were teams from the West Midlands, Staffordshire, Warwickshire, Herefordshire and Worcestershire and the games were very competitive and of a very high standard."

"It was nice to see a competition for the under-19 age group and I think the success of the event proves there is a need for one. Hopefully Netball England will take note and organise a national competition."



Oldbury apply the pressure with Molineux on the defensive



Oldbury face the camera at Walsall Campus Sports Centre



Oldbury, in red and blue, on the attack against Barr Beacon

Wiktorija lands winner

YOUNG netball players from a West Bromwich school followed up their Sandwell victories with a win in the Black Country winter games at Wolverhampton University.

The team from St John Bosco Catholic Primary School were chosen to represent the borough after success in two cluster tournaments last term.

They went on to face sides from

Wolverhampton, Walsall and Dudley. St John Bosco went through their group unbeaten and won their semi-final to face Wolverhampton side Warstones in the final.

The game finished all square at 2-2 and went into a golden goal period. With seconds remaining Wiktorija Brodziak sunk the winning shot to win gold for St John Bosco.

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Hat-trick by Hardy as record wrecked

Khalsa 1 Old Halesonians 3
THE Old Hales thirds travelled to Khalsa and overturned their opponents' 100 per cent home record.

The game started competitively with Old Hales creating the edge without really making a clear-cut opportunity.

Khalsa, however, increased the pressure on the Hales goal and eventually Khalsa took the lead from a penalty corner.

Just before the half-time break, Hales thought they had the chance to equalise, but what they felt was a stonewall penalty appeal was turned down by the umpires.

The second half saw Old Hales come out with a much better shape and they were denied a goal from a short corner, this time by a defender's body on the line.

Still Old Hales battled on and were finally rewarded when Chris Hardy drag-flicked the ball into the roof of the net to make it 1-1.

This was the turning point as Matt Harrold and Deck Glaze moved through the gears to tear open the midfield.

They were rewarded when Harrold hit the ball into the D and Hardy was there on the back post to grab his second.

With 15 minutes remaining, Charles Palmer found Hardy in the D who put the ball into the goal for his hat-trick.

Stone 0 Old Halesonians 7
The thirds made it six points from the weekend as they cruised to victory against Stone, to record their 13th win of the season.

Old Hales started as they normally did, controlled the possession and waited for an opening, Charles Palmer was able to find Darren Rose who was able to smash the ball into the goal from short range.

Minutes later Rose turned provider as Adam Hill continued his fine scoring form for 2-0.

Adam Hill scored his second thanks to crafty work by Damian Shackleton.

The fourth goal was a cracker as Conor Reid scored with a reverse stick chop.

Darren Rose scored his second, before the half-time break to give the visitors a 5-0 lead.

The sixth goal arrived thanks to a drag flick by Shackleton, and in the final minutes Adam Hill also beat the keeper.

Results: Old Hales fourths 3 Stratford 1; Droitwich 0 Old Hales fifths 4; Harborne Ladies 1 Old Hales Ladies 5; Old Hales Badgers 3 Wolverhampton 0.

New spring in Old Hales step after win

Sikh Union (Coventry) 2 Old Halesonians 5

TWO wins in weekend matches put a spring back into the step of Old Halesonians men's hockey firsts.

On Saturday, Hales travelled to Coventry to face mid-table Sikh Union.

Lacking in confidence following their recent poor form, Hales found themselves a goal behind after some poor defending.

Despite this hiccup, Hales soon started passing the ball well and controlling possession. Paul Woodall equalised before grabbing

his second from a penalty stroke. Woodall completed his hat-trick in less than 20 minutes, when he increased Hales' lead to 3-1 from a penalty corner.

Old Hales thought they had grabbed a fourth before half-time, but the umpires ruled out the goal. Sikh Union capitalised on this opportunity and grabbed a goal back before the break, to make it 3-2.

In the second half, Hales dominated. Josh Randhawa, who found his form this weekend, was instrumental in the game.

He topped off his performance

Old Halesonians

with a goal to make it 4-2 to the visitors. Before the final whistle, Graham Knight found the net to make it a comfortable 5-2 victory for Old Hales.

Old Halesonians 7 Coventry City & University 0
Old Hales firsts thrashed Coventry City & University in a rearranged game on Sunday.

Striker Tom Bulteel ended a four-game goal drought by hammering five past the keeper. Bulteel opened the scoring after 10 minutes when his winding dribble

beat several of the Coventry defenders leaving an easy finish for the striker.

Old Halesonians soon took control of the game after that, with the majority of possession and chances.

Tom Durnford made it 2-0 soon after in controversial circumstances as the ball appeared to hit the back of his stick.

Hales piled the pressure on the Coventry City & University defence towards the end of the half, which allowed Graham Knight to make the score sheet for 3-0. There was still enough time in

the first half for Bulteel to grab his brace, putting his side 4-0 up.

Old Halesonians confidence grew and grew in the second half, following their recent lack of form.

Some great passing moves from the home side tore apart a struggling Coventry team. Bulteel continued his scoring mission in the second half, as he completed his hat-trick from a penalty corner. Bulteel soon got his fourth and fifth, to make it 7-0 for Hales.

Late on the game got stretched, and Hales had numerous chances to increase their lead but they were unable to find the net again.

Hot-shot Haseley's in heaven

Halesowen Town 3 Wimborne Town 0

TWO fine goals from Ben Haseley maintained Halesowen's revival and made it seven points from the last three games in the Evo-Stik League Southern Division One South & West.

Wimborne were almost caught cold after just 45 seconds, but 'keeper Jason Harvell blocked a low drive from Nathaniel Caines.

Defender Mark Smith gave Halesowen a 20th minute lead by tapping in a rebound after Harvell spilled Brendan Kelly's 20-yard free-kick.

Haseley doubled the Yeltz lead in the 36th minute by sweeping home superbly after collecting a long ball.

The Magpies squandered a great chance a minute before half-time when Tom Hill was brought down by Kelly, but George Webb hit a post with the penalty.

Halesowen 'keeper Simon Flower then did well to hold a Jamie Davidson free-kick.

The second half proved comfortable for the home team and hot-shot Haseley made it 3-0 on the hour with his fifth goal in six games.

Haseley shrugged off Paul Roast and lobbed over stranded 'keeper Harvell from the edge of the area.

Cup semi-final place is secured

Coldland Colts 1 Halas Hawks 4

HALAS Hawks under-18s put in a superb performance to reach the Birmingham FA County Cup semi-final.

Coldland put the Central Warwickshire League, but Halas romped home. Their goals came from Reece Shilcock, who scored a hat-trick, and Brad Hickman.

Halas are now the only remaining representative from the Stourbridge League in this competition.

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PEACE FEELERS AS ROBERTO RETURNS

FORMER Albion boss Roberto Di Matteo promises he has "no bad feeling" towards club chairman Jeremy Peace as he gears up for his return to The Hawthorns.

The Baggies promotion-winner returns to the club on Saturday as an assistant at Chelsea.

But 13 months after Peace's decision to sack Di Matteo, the Italian revealed that the pair have cleared the air. "I've spoken to the chairman since then," said the 41-year-old.

"There is no bad feeling. These decisions are made. You don't always agree with them, but you move on as people."

"Roy Hodgson is a good manager and a good man. He has moved the club on."

Di Matteo added: "I was very shocked when I found out I was no longer wanted. I had a very good and close relationship with so many of my players."

"Clubs make decision and you have to take these things philosophically."

"I look back on my time at West Brom as a very successful part of my professional life and I keep an eye on their progress."

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"I feel I left the club in a better shape. Personally, the experience improved me as a man and as a coach."

Di Matteo led the Baggies to promotion from the Championship in 2010 with a club-record points haul of 91. But, after a strong start to last season in the Premier League, the Italian was dismissed after a run of just three wins from 16 games.

He still believes, however, that he would have kept the club in the top division.

"I had two very good and happy seasons and I still regard myself as a friend of West Bromwich Albion."

by Steve Madeley

"I still have many friends there and felt very close to the club and those who work there - it was a good relationship overall."

"The team had come down with some good players, we strengthened the squad and it would have been a bigger surprise had we failed to go up that year."

"Our target was promotion and it was achieved," he added.

"Last season, I always felt that we would stay up."

"I never felt that we weren't going to survive. We were on course for it."

"I was always confident, but that's football."

Albion winger Jerome Thomas is facing a race against time to be fit for the match, but captain Chris Brunt could be ready to step in.

Thomas suffered a hamstring strain in Saturday's 4-0 win over Sunderland.

Billy Jones also has a hamstring problem, but Brunt hopes to be declared ready for a return after more than two months out with a broken bone in his ankle. Hodgson expects to make a decision on his injured men tomorrow.

Wrestlers limbering up to grab a victory

WRESTLERS will battle it out in the ring during a grunt and grapple contest in Smethwick.

The matches are being staged as part of the New Level wrestling league and will take place at the Old Comrades Club on April 6.

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A major strategic decision plus a significant investment means that Cousins Furniture Stores have Millions of pounds worth of stock to clear with Immediate Effect.

For 3 Days, this Friday, Saturday & Sunday

Cousins have been closed all week, because staff have been working around the clock handling vast quantities of incoming stock from their suppliers, including the leading brands. Consignments will continue to arrive daily and all price tickets have been reduced to a fraction of the normal price for Cousins Biggest Ever Clearance Event.

CURRENT TRENDS

Through conducting extensive research and also as highlighted in the most recent Mintel Report Q3 2011, there is an overwhelming recognition that people want Great Value for Money on lasting Quality Products that also offer brand assurance. They're not buying Cheap, as they want product to last. This is never more apparent than on big ticket items like furniture.

In addition, due to the squeeze on incomes, people are increasingly using their 'Homes as a Venue', spending more time at home entertaining friends rather than going out. This has led to a surge in furniture sales, especially in the living and dining rooms.

MASSIVE OPPORTUNITIES

With this in mind, Cousins have bulk purchased enormous volumes of stock and even

negotiated short-term discounts from many of their brand leading suppliers to offer the buying public a phenomenal opportunity to purchase quality furniture at unbelievable discounted prices.

FANTASTIC STOCK DEALS

Furthermore as a member of the prestigious "Associated Independent Stores" Buying Group, Cousins have used their combined purchasing power to obtain some fantastic stock deals on homewares and carpets. Instore concessions, Montgomerys and Hammonds will also be joining in the Extravaganza.

THE INTERNET - CONTINUING TO PROGRESS

Unlike other areas of retail, people still like to shop for furniture, allowing them to try out products, ask questions and easily compare products.

Nevertheless the internet does offer significant opportunities, including more effective communication (via Facebook & Twitter) and the ability for the consumer to research product and retailers.

As a result, Cousins are also serving a much younger, designer savvy group of customers who demand a different range of products, with more functionality and innovation. These new

exciting product categories will soon be added to Cousins' already extensive instore ranges, further increasing the urgent need to clear existing stocks.

WAREHOUSE RESTRUCTURING

Both online and offline, Cousins' will be enhancing the shopping experience. The construction of an inhouse photography studio will vastly enhance the quality and variety of their website imagery. It also necessitates the need to clear part of the main warehouse along with the associated stock, to accommodate the facility, putting even greater urgency on the success of the Clearance Event.

ENHANCED SHOPPING EXPERIENCE - NEW STOCK ARRIVING

To allow their stores to continue to prosper, Cousins will soon be introducing new Brand Galleries showcasing the very best in new designs and materials from their recent buying trips. New looks about to be launched include Vintage Chic, Scandi Designs plus delicate pastels. These new Lifestyle themes & soon to arrive collections mean that vast quantities of 2011 stock still needs to be cleared at dramatically reduced prices.

STOCK ARRIVING DAILY - EVERYTHING MUST GO

This tremendous need to clear stock from suppliers, their warehouses plus in-store mean that consignments will continue to arrive daily, and be marked down to prices for immediate Clearance & delivery due to the enormous pressure for space.

MADE TO ORDER

Cousins have even dramatically reduced all made to order items, allowing you to choose whatever colour or size suits your home.

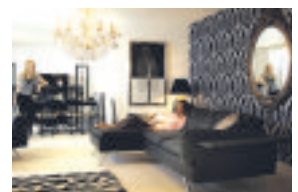
"Through our research, we know that this Event is exactly what the General Public wants - Great Value, tremendous quality fantastic choice plus brand assurance. We fully expect to be rushed off our feet and with many one-off bargains it really will be a case of first come first served." Said John Shotton, Managing Director.

Their Biggest Ever Stock Clearance

starts on Friday at 10am - offering the General Public a fantastic opportunity to save up to 70% on a massive range of furniture, carpets, beds and homewares.



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EVERYTHING REDUCED - EVERYTHING MUST GO!
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stylish living and massive choice at Cousins

BIGGEST EVER SALE

THIS FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

DOORS OPEN 10AM FRIDAY, be early for the best buys, there are many never to be repeated ONE OFF bargains. If you are seriously thinking of buying any item of furniture, carpets, beds or home accessories at the lowest possible prices then you must VISIT COUSINS THIS FRIDAY, SATURDAY OR SUNDAY.



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LIVING ROOM

Brazilia high back 3 seater and 2 seater sofa £1699 **£695**

Natuzzi Leather classical contemporary 3 seater sofa, chair and stool £3179 **£1478**

Parker Knoll - ex displays including Columbine, Hudson, Denver & Hanbury **SAVE 70%**

Lifestyle reclining 3 seater suite with integral head & lumbar support £2159 **£986**

Premier Martina leather riser recliner chair £1149 **£572**

GPlan Leather Romulus 3 seater, 2 seater, chair and stool £5429 **£2182**

Modern sofabed in easycare fabric £629 **£297**

Tetrad Shottery hand-antiqued leather accent chairs £849 **£416**

Fama - ex display groups - assorted designs and colours **SAVE 65%**

Julian Bowen swivel chairs with stools £299 **£143**

BEDROOM

Baker Bedford Henley - ex display bedroom furniture **SAVE 60%**

German sliding wardrobes - Lux design £299 **£179**

Willis and Gambier - ex display - bedroom stock **SAVE UPTO 70%**

BEDS

Vi-Spring kingsize elite divan set £2499 **£997**

Reno Leather kingsize headboard £229 **£94**

Dorlux Duet guestbeds £449 **£196**

Myers double drawer divan £599 **£245**

White label mattresses £229 **£79**

Portofino double bedstead in dark brown £499 **£148**

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beyond expectation

THERE ARE ALSO MASSIVE DISCOUNTS

expect much more than a furniture store

STOCK CLEARANCE

- EVERYTHING REDUCED, EVERYTHING MUST GO

It's your chance to **SAVE UP TO 70%** - Furnish your home at phenomenally low prices - large stocks available for immediate delivery.
LEADING BRAND NAMES ALL REDUCED, EVERY SINGLE STOCK ITEM MUST GO!



VI-SPRING



WILLIS & GAMBIER



NATUZZI



Parker Knoll

DINING ROOM

Oak extending dining table with 4 chairs £1079 **£397**

GPlan cabinets - ex display stock **SAVE 60%**

Modern sideboard - 2 doors, choice of finish £399 **£148**

Marble dining table with 6 chairs £1999 **£996**

Willis & Gambier display cabinet £1299 **£494**

High Gloss - extending dining table with 6 matching chairs £1879 **£549**

American style dining table with 4 chairs and 3 carvers £2199 **£1197**

Glass table with 6 high back chairs £499 **£248**

Metal & Glass TV stand £99 **£24**

Dining Chairs - assorted designs **FROM £40**

FLOORING

Columbia stain resistant luxury carpet - 21 vibrant colourways £12.95^{m2} **£4.95^{m2}**

Rugs - to clear assorted colourways **FROM £39**

Cashmere Weave 100% wool (15% Cashmere wool) Berber loop carpet - choice of natural colours £39.95^{m2} **£17.95^{m2}**

Antico Starburst hard flooring £66^{m2} **£33^{m2}**

HOMEWARES

Judge Vista funky frypan £26 **£9**

Denby Dinner Sets - 16 piece, selected designs **SAVE 50%**

Arthur Price Cutlery - 60 piece Shimmer box set £329 **£79**

Wax Lyrical - Reed diffusers £25 **£9**

Kirsty Allsopp Bedlinens - assorted designs **SAVE 50%**



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Offer excludes concessions. Certain items shown are one per household and subject to availability

NTS ON ALL MADE TO ORDER ITEMS

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